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## Russians Return Debris From South Korean Airliner

As Soviet sailors watched Monday, Japanese crewmen hauled to their cutter a crate of wreckage from the South Korean airliner shot down by a Soviet pilot on Sept. 1. Japanese and U.S. diplomats came to Port Novyisk on Sakhalin Island to receive the debris, which included clothing and documents. Despite a boycott on flights to Russia, travel to the Soviet Union has not been severely reduced. Page 4.

## IMF Finds Agreement On Access

### Major Nations Break Deadlock

By Hobart Rowen  
*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — The major nations of the International Monetary Fund, including the United States, broke a deadlock early Monday over an American proposal to limit the borrowing access of member nations to the IMF money pool next year and for several years thereafter.

After a daylong deadlock on Sunday, the IMF's Interim Committee agreed to a two-tiered limitation on access by borrowing nations to IMF funds: either 102 percent or 125 percent of annual quotas, the higher figure being allowed countries that have serious balance of payments problems. These figures apply for 1984, for a maximum period of three years.

This in effect will limit borrowing to no more than is available under the current rules, and was the principal demand of the U.S. Treasury secretary, Donald T. Regan.

But Mr. Regan yielded to the European, Japanese and Canadian members who insisted that a more generous allotment be given to countries with severe balance of payments problems.

Expressing a great sense of relief, the IMF managing director, Jacques de Larosière, said the compromise would allow the IMF to continue on "a firm basis" and encourage commercial banks to maintain their activities in the Third World.

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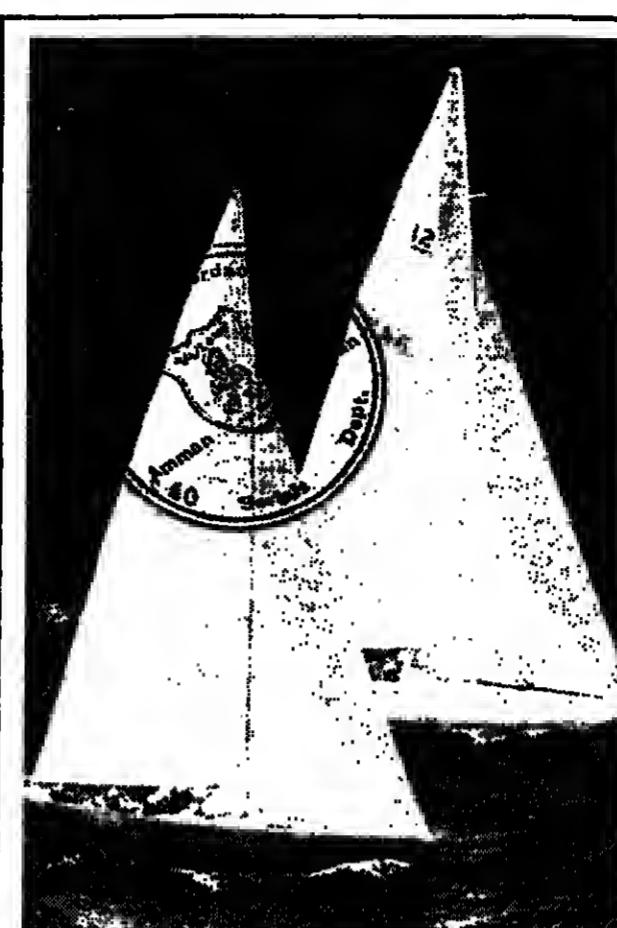
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But Mr. Regan conceded that he failed to achieve comparable limits on so-called Compensatory Financing Facility loans, a special category designed to compensate for sudden losses of earnings of commodity exports. He said the IMF has made \$3 billion of such loans through August, with the probability that the annual rate would run about \$5 billion.

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IMP officials said it was important to have reached a compromise, because a continued deadlock would have shaken worldwide confidence in the agency's ability to manage the debt crisis and would have exacerbated the trend of commercial banks' reducing their lending in Third World countries.

Another concession by the United States, in exchange for the 102



## Australia II Wins America's Cup

Australia II, at right above, beat Liberty on Monday to win the America's Cup — the first time in the 132-year history of the yachting series that the American entry has lost. Page 19.

## Search Goes On in Ulster For Fugitives From Maze

The Associated Press

All those who broke out of the prison are members of the IRA's provisional wing.

Sinn Féin, the legal political wing of the Roman Catholic IRA, which seeks an end to British rule of Northern Ireland, sent its congratulations to the fugitives and called them prisoners of war.

"There is a feeling of jubilation in nationalist and republican areas because people ... realize the British government has no right to imprison anyone in Ireland," Sinn Féin said in a statement.

In addition, Mr. Regan said, the United States was "prepared to be more flexible on the content of the current talks" and to discuss with the Russians the possibility of including ceilings on medium-range bombers capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

Finally, the president said Washington was prepared to accept less than the maximum number of Pershing-2 ballistic missiles as part of an overall agreement to reduce the number of both Pershing-2 and ground-launched cruise missiles.

Current plans call for the United States to deploy 108 Pershing-2 missiles and 464 cruise missiles, starting in December, in West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Britain. Each of these missiles has one nuclear warhead, but the Russians are known to have greater fears about the Pershing-2 because they can reach Soviet territory only minutes after being launched.

Administration aides have said that Mr. Regan meant no denigration of the United Nations and that he wanted to use his trip to New York City to re-emphasize U.S. support.

Mr. Regan spent a full day in New York Sunday meeting foreign leaders before a scheduled address to the General Assembly Monday.

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## Lebanese Prime Minister, Cabinet Quit After Cease-Fire Halts Most Fighting

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BEIRUT — Prime Minister Saad al-Wazzan and his cabinet submitted their resignations Monday, hours after a cease-fire arranged by the United States and Saudi Arabia halted Lebanon's civil war.

Mr. Wazzan, a Sunni Moslem, told reporters after a meeting with President Amin Gemayel that he and the 10-member cabinet had tendered their resignations to clear the way for the "formation of a national unity cabinet to undertake the rebuilding of the homeland."

Mr. Gemayel, a Maronite Christian, said later in a statement that he needed time to decide whether to accept the resignations and asked the Wazzan government to remain in office "until the features of the new era crystallize and the arrangements to usher in are completed."

Syria and the Lebanese Druze leader, Walid Jumblat, had demanded the resignation of Mr. Wazzan as a condition for a cease-fire in the civil war, which pitted Syrian-backed Druze militia and their leftist Lebanese allies against Christian militia and the Lebanese Army.

Mr. Wazzan, who has been sharply criticized by Syria and at home for failing to push for Moslem rights, announced his offer to quit after a cabinet session at the presidential palace.

Political observers said Mr. Gemayel might be delaying a decision on accepting the resignation while he looked into the possibility of forming a government of national unity.

The Lebanese Army was generally holding, despite sniping on the mountain frontlines and in the Beirut suburbs and at least one infiltration attempt around the strategic bastion of Souk el-Ghab overlooking the U.S. marine encampment at Beirut International Airport.

Two Lebanese soldiers were shot to death by snipers at the village of Kafran two kilometers (about a mile) south of Souk el-Ghab, the army said.

A Lebanese government official said the United Nations would be asked to provide 500 observers to help police the cease-fire.

In London, the British Foreign Office said the four nations contributing to the multinational force that has been patrolling Beirut will meet "urgently" in New York to consider what steps to take in view of the truce. Britain, France, Italy and the United States have maintained their activities in the Third World.

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## Manila's Cardinal Plays Dual Role in Resolving Aquino Crisis

By William Chapman

*Washington Post Service*

MANILA — Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, who previously made frequent complaints about the rule of President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines, has moved into a new dual role that casts him as an alternating presidential confidant and critic as he seeks a peaceful reconciliation of opposing forces in this tense country.

On Thursday night, the cardinal's anti-government rhetoric reached a new pitch of abrasiveness,

Marcos promises to reorganize the commission investigating Aquino's murder. Page 4.

when he called Philippine elections a "travesty" and likened Mr. Marcos's suppression of the media and record of evasiveness to the actions of Nazi officials. Yet on Friday night, he met with Mr. Marcos to offer a national reconciliation plan that is "the last feasible alternative to avoid the violent confrontation and bloody revolution made imminent by the temper of the times," according to a statement released by one of Cardinal Sin's aides.

The cardinal's dual role is one of the strange wonders of Philippine politics, a phenomenon difficult for outsiders to understand. He is at times the church militant scouring the demons of temporal government and at times the benevolent adviser pictured smiling amiably with the smiling president.

Whatever his secret to success, it has made Cardinal Sin a figure of towering importance in a country torn by violence and recriminations. Some regard him as the strongest source of restraint on a government often given to extremes. Since the assassination a month ago of Benigno S. Aquino Jr., an opposition leader, the cardinal



Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, right, presented his national reconciliation plan on Friday to President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

to defy cheating. Someone had been able to reach the computer chip that was the heart of the slot machine Mr. Econopoulos had been playing and make it produce the winning jackpot.

While Nevada gaming officials are now maintaining strict rules about the case, interviews with the authorities and others in Nevada, Texas and California disclose an intriguing tale of how Mr. Econopoulos, identified by the San Francisco police as a man known to them as Gus the Runt, was recruited by people to play and collect from the rigged machine.

Nevada newspapers have speculated that Mr. Econopoulos is now living in Nevada as a guest of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, because he is the only known witness who could identify others involved in the jackpot scheme that cost Harrah's \$200,000.

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The system was designed over the past decade in an attempt to produce a slot machine that would foil many ways that thieves found to cheat the old mechanical slots.

The added significance of the Econopoulos affair, according to industry and regulatory sources, is that whoever found the way to reach the computer chip also had the ability to do so without leaving any electronic tracks. Such tracks would force the casino to refuse payment of the jackpot.

Validity checks began routinely after Mr. Econopoulos hit the jackpot. But little else that followed was routine. The police in San Francisco recognized the 5-foot-2, somewhat grizzled new millionaire as a man whose past includes felony convictions in 1958 and 1970 for burglary.

The security staff at Harrah's, nervous about

Gus Econopoulos, sent him off to rest in a room in the hotel, a hotel spokesman said. They checked the machine he was playing. After a while, they gave Mr. Econopoulos four checks, three for \$500,000 each and one for \$200,000. They urged him to remain as their guest.

Two days later, according to Mark Curtis, Harrah's spokesman, Mr. Econopoulos left the hotel suddenly and Harrah's security people lost track of him. On Monday, Aug. 22, Mr. Curtis said, Harrah's told the Nevada Gaming Control Board that it appeared something was wrong with the big slot machine jackpot winner.

Mr. Econopoulos was eventually traced to Houston. Payment was stopped on the three \$500,000 checks, but he had cashed the one for \$200,000.

After a series of interviews, he told the agents of the Nevada Gaming Control Board that the jack-

pot had been won by altering the machine's patterns, officials said. He told them that people who had recruited him to play and collect had rigged the machine so the jackpot-winning symbols would appear. Whatever else he said has not been disclosed.

The Econopoulos affair has revealed a serious weakness in Nevada's system of gambling control. District Attorney Brent Kortew of Douglas County, where Harrah's Tahoe casino is situated, has said there is not enough evidence for him to prosecute anyone in the jackpot case.

So what is to happen to gangs who steal million-dollar jackpots?

An agreement is implicit between the casino and the players that the eventual winner will be selected by the random action of computer chips. So the means used to bear the machine must be understood, understood and met in new designs.

## Computer Gang Got to Heart of Nevada's Thief-Proof Slot Machine and Hit Jackpot

By Wallace Turner

*New York Times Service*

STATELINE, Nevada — The Econopoulos affair began in the early afternoon of Friday, Aug. 19, when an electronic slot machine at Harrah's Tahoe casino showed a giant jackpot winner. The sum of \$1.7 million was in the jackpot. It had been built up since January 1982, when the previous winner collected about \$500,000.

The man at the machine when the jackpot-winning line of triple bars appeared was Constantine G. Econopoulos. That afternoon he submitted to interviews with Harrah's publicists, and video-tape of his remarks went out that night to television stations in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, all big markets for Lake Tahoe casinos.

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# U.S. Thinks Syria's Fear of Wider Clashes Prompted Truce

By John M. Goshko

*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are crediting the achievement of a Lebanese cease-fire to Syria's realization that it cannot keep aggravating the civil war there without increasing its military involvement to the point at which it would risk direct clashes with the United States and possibly provoke a new war with Israel.

Specifically, the officials said, Syria's hopes of winning control in Lebanon through its support of the dissident forces fighting President

Ami Gemayel's government were thwarted by President Ronald Reagan's determination not to remove the U.S. Marines from Beirut and by the unexpectedly strong showing of the Lebanese Army during bitter fighting in the Beirut area.

That, the officials continued, has created a military stalemate that President Hafez al-Assad of Syria could not break unless he increased his aid to the Druze militia and other dissident groups by throwing Syrian forces directly into the fighting. But that would mean confrontation with the U.S., British, French and Italian units forming the peacekeeping force in Beirut and, even more threatening to Mr. Assad, would force Israel to consider whether it had to go to war again to prevent Syria from gaining control over Lebanon.

For these reasons, the officials said, the Syrians have apparently decided to put aside the military option, at least for the moment, and try to win greater influence in Lebanese affairs through a process of political negotiation between Mr. Gemayel and the Syrian-backed factions.

Administration officials said that a cease-fire is the necessary first step in carrying out the diplomatic strategy that has been pursued for the past month by Mr. Reagan's special Mideast envoy, Robert C. McFarlane, with the aid of Saudi Arabia's ambassador designate to the United States, Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Specifically, that strategy centers on inducing Syria to stop its obstructionist activities inside Lebanon and cooperate in patching to-

gether an accord that will satisfy the political aspirations of the various contesting factions, allow Mr. Gemayel to extend his government's authority throughout the country and permit the withdrawal of the Israeli, Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces that are occupying large portions of Lebanon.

Earlier this month, when Israel withdrew its forces from the Chouf mountains to new positions in southern Lebanon, a vicious cycle of new fighting broke out in the Chouf and in Beirut, with the Syrians arming and encouraging the Druze and other groups like the Shiite Moslem militia to attack the Lebanese Army. As one U.S. official put it, "Assad believed the Gemayel government would fold, and he could just walk down the Damascus-Beirut highway behind his surrogates to take control."

According to U.S. officials, a key element in the Syrian strategy was to instigate attacks on the U.S. Marines in the hope that domestic pressure would force Mr. Reagan to pull them out and rob Mr. Gemayel of U.S. support. But, despite misgivings in Congress over marine casualties, the officials said, it has been made clear to Syria that the marines will not be withdrawn and that the United States is prepared to use the massive firepower it has arrayed off the Lebanese coast in carefully calibrated responses to attacks against the marines.

In addition, the officials stressed,

the Lebanese Army, benefiting

from months of intensive training

by U.S. advisers, proved able in the past month's fighting to withstand

fierce Druze assaults, aided by Syrian arms and Syrian-influenced Palestinian fighters, and to keep control of Beirut's perimeters.

Using these factors as ammunition, the officials said, Mr. McFarlane argued to the Syrians that they had an alternative in the "national reconciliation dialogue" offered by Mr. Gemayel to his foes. The object would be to restructure the Lebanese political system to give more power to the disaffected Moslem factions. With this as a vehicle, Syria,

through its ties to these groups and through its proposed role as a mediator in the talks, could seek to regain its former political and economic influence in Lebanon.

■ **Wider Moslem Role Seen**

The United States hopes the cease-fire will promote negotiations among the warring factions

and lead to "a wider political structure" that may include a greater

role for Moslems, United Press International quoted Secretary of

State George P. Shultz as having said in New York.

The secretary of state said preparations were being made for meetings on ways to oversee the cease-fire, possibly with United Nations observers, and to "begin the process of national reconciliation."

Although the outcome of those discussions cannot be foretold, Mr. Shultz said, lasting reconciliation could require greater participation by Moslems in the Lebanese government.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Uruguay Arrests Top Political Leader

MONTEVIDEO (Reuters) — Uruguay's military government arrested a leading politician during a second national day of protest. Politicians and diplomats said the arrest could scuttle talks on a return to democracy promised for March 1985.

Eduardo Fernandez Menendez, a leader of the Blanco Party, was being held at an unknown location under emergency security regulations, his lawyer said. Party sources reported at least four other arrests Sunday morning.

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Observers said the arrest of Mr. Menendez appeared intended to freeze negotiations on constitutional reform, which were resuming after breaking down in July. They said it apparently reflected a split between moderates and hardliners who wanted the timetable for a return to democracy to be scrapped.

### U.S. Envoy Apologizes for Incident

OSLO (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Mark E. Axtad telephoned a Norwegian woman Monday and apologized for banging on her door in the dead of night until she called the police, the American embassy said.

An embassy spokesman said the ambassador explained to the woman, who had filed a complaint with the police, that the incident occurred because he thought he was at the house of a friend. The woman, who was not identified, accepted the ambassador's apology and agreed to withdraw the complaint.

In a statement issued during the weekend, the embassy described the incident, which occurred early last Wednesday in the northern city of Tromsø, as a "regrettable... misunderstanding" that happened because Mr. Axtad's taxi took him to the wrong address.

### Belgium Cleans Up After 9-Day Strike

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Mountains of rubbish began disappearing from Belgian's streets Monday after public service workers ended an unsuccessful nine-day strike against planned pay and benefit cuts.

With few exceptions, the last strikers returned to work Monday morning despite winning only minimal concessions from the center-right government. Trains, buses and streetcars were reported working normally, but officials said it would take up to a week to remove tons of accumulated garbage, distribute millions of delayed letters and clear backed-up traffic in the port of Antwerp.

The strike collapsed Friday when the Socialist trade union federation, abandoned by its Social Christian and Liberal counterparts, voted reluctantly to accept the government's offer of minor improvements.

### Opposition Leader Jailed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) — Abdul Wali Khan, a leader of an opposition party campaigning against Pakistan's martial law administration, was arrested here Monday on his arrival from London.

Mr. Wali Khan, whose wife and aged father were already in custody, is the latest of at least 10 opposition politicians held on arrival as they returned from abroad to join the eight-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy in its campaign against President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq. Mr. Wali Khan, 62, is a dominant figure in the National Democratic Party.

Before leaving London, Mr. Wali Khan told the British Broadcasting Corporation that the movement would not open a dialogue with General Zia until democracy was restored. The group is demanding his resignation and immediate elections.

### Kenya Go to Polls in Relative Calm

NAIROBI (UPI) — Millions of Kenyans voted amid relative calm Monday in the fourth general election since the country gained independence from Britain two decades ago.

Election officials said no major incidents were reported during the polling, in sharp contrast to a hectic six-week campaign. At least eight persons died in campaign-related violence before the election, police said, and scores were injured.

All but five of the Parliament's 158 seats were at stake. Five candidates, including President Daniel Arap Moi and Vice President Mwai Kibaki, have already been returned to office unopposed. About 7.2 million people are registered to vote. Full results are expected Tuesday.

### Shecharansky's Health Causes Concern

MOSCOW (NYT) — The mother of Anatoli B. Shecharansky said Monday she was afraid her imprisoned son would not survive the second half of his 13-year sentence unless he was hospitalized.

Ida P. Migran, Mr. Shecharansky's 75-year-old mother, said that when she last visited her son at Chistopel Prison July 5, he was suffering repeated pains in his left chest, which prevented him from taking exercise or sleeping on his left side.

Mr. Shecharansky endured a hunger strike for 110 days last year, during which he was force-fed and lost half his weight. He was protesting the denial of his right to correspond with his family. Mr. Shecharansky abandoned the fast Jan. 14, after his mother won the right to change notes with him. He was arrested in March 1977 and charged with spying for the United States.

### For the Record

COMISO, Sicily (AP) — Police using tear gas, riot sticks and water cannon repeatedly charged about 1,000 protesters Monday outside a base being prepared for cruise missiles, authorities reported.

HONG KONG (UPI) — Sir Percy Cradock, British ambassador to Beijing, will retire from the diplomatic service at the end of the year but will retain a major role in talks on the future of Hong Kong, it was announced Monday.

MADRID (Reuters) — Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos, the former president of Rumsa, the huge private holding company expropriated by the Spanish Socialist government, was declared Monday in contempt of court by a judge after failing to appear on fraud charges.

### Correction

The caption on a photograph that appeared on the financial pages in Monday's editions incorrectly identified the official speaking with Finance Minister Jacques Delors of France. He is Otto Schleicht, under state secretary in the West German Finance Ministry. The caption material supplied by The Associated Press had erroneously identified him as Gerhard Stolzberg, the West German finance minister.

### Reagan Offers New Flexibility on Arms Stand

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percent basic borrowing limit for 1984, was abandonment of assurance that access would be phased down in 1985 and in later years. On Saturday, the Group of 10 rich nations had endorsed Mr. Reagan's stand and recommended that the enlarged access figures be gradually phased out.

But the full Interim Committee, reflecting the fears of the poorer nations that this would be too much to decide now, decided merely that access limits will be reviewed annually, depending on the availability of IMF resources and borrowing demand.

Moreover, according to the text of the committee's communiqué, future access limits could be extended, as well as phased out or terminated, depending on circumstances.

Officials had been desperately concerned Sunday that the deadlock between a restrictive American position and the desire of most of the other nations to take a more liberal stance could not be resolved.

In that case, the "enlarged" access, currently 150 percent of annual quotas, for a maximum of 450 percent over three years, would automatically have reverted to 100 percent and 300 percent.

In effect, that would have meant an automatic reduction in loan allowance for almost all countries. But under the compromise of allowances ranging from 102 percent to 125 percent, Mr. De Clercq said, "all countries will potentially have larger access" than they do now.

Since quotas, which are deposits of national currencies, are being increased an average of 48 percent, the 102 percent figure approximately equals 150 percent of the current, smaller quotas. And the 125 percent limit will allow many countries more liberal loans.

But both Mr. De Clercq and Mr. De Clercq went out of their way to stress a paragraph of the communiqué that states unequivocally that the access limits "should not be regarded as targets." In the same way that the IMF Executive Board will retain discretion to ex-

ceed the 125 percent limit, on occasion, they will not automatically allow a country that needs more than 102 percent to go to 125 percent.

Meanwhile, the United States on Sunday refused to contribute more than \$750 million a year for IDA-7, the International Development Agency's leading program that would cover fiscal years 1985 through 1987.

■ **Tass Ignores Proposals**

The Soviet news agency Tass dismissed President Reagan's speech Monday as filled with hypocritical distortions of the truth and ignored his challenge to the Soviet Union to change its arms accord, Reuters reported from Moscow.

In a virulent attack, Tass said Mr. Reagan had used "gross distortions of generally known facts,"

demagogic, disinformation and blatant lies" in an attempt to camouflage a policy of imperialism and adventure.

The commentary criticized U.S. policy in Lebanon, Chad and El Salvador, which it said gave the U.S. talk of peace and renunciation of violence.

It said Mr. Reagan's charge that some members of the normalization movement were actually "chief states of the Soviet Union" reflected his animosity at a widening rift between Washington and the non-aligned countries. Only this could explain such an allegation, the agency said.

Tass summed up the president's speech as "just another awkward attempt to misinform public opinion."

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## Alan Cranston — A Mix Of Caution and Passion

### Nuclear Disarmament Is Foremost On List of Californian's Causes

By Michael Barone  
*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — Alan Cranston was 31 and had already had a lifetime's worth of interesting and exotic experiences. As foreign correspondent for the Mountain View (California) Register-Leader, he sat in the Vienna courtroom where the



Alan Cranston

politics. He built the California Democratic Council, a liberal group that he says was also a mechanism to prevent Republicans from winning Democratic nominations under the state's old cross-filing system. With wife and family in the car, he criss-crossed the state for the CDC.

From the early 1950s, he wanted to become a senator, but in the Democratic landslide year of 1958, he decided to fight for the Senate nomination and instead won the office of state controller, a position whose main work was the distribution of patronage. He was ousted in the Reagan landslide of 1966, and two years later took the Senate nomination, which seemed worthless until the moderate incumbent was beaten by right-wing Max Rafferty in the primary.

As a senator whose colleagues have been George Murphy, John Tunney, S.I. Hayakawa and Pete Domenici, he has been the man the big economic interests in California have sought out when they needed help in the Senate; he knows how to deliver (although his success has been mixed).

A sprinter in his youth, he met Jesse Owens and stood face to face with Hitler one night in Munich. In New York in 1959, he and a former Hearst editor published excerpts from "Mein Kampf," not included in the English version; lawyers for Hitler's publishers sued and got Mr. Cranston's version off the market after just 10 days.

Mr. Cranston spent most of World War II in Washington at the Office of War Information. He worked for Archibald MacLeish and Elmer Davis, and he got to know Eleanor Roosevelt; he says he lobbied her against the Japanese-American detention camps after visiting one and seeing his family's former gardener there. It was his idea, he says, to publicize Hitler's obliteration of the Czech town of Lidice by persuading Stern Gardens, Illinois, to rename itself Lidice.

These must have been heady experiences even for a man as fortunate in his background as Alan Cranston was. His father was a successful builder and real estate developer in the peninsula towns south of San Francisco. Alan grew up in the 1920s in a house called the Villa Waree in the hills above Stanford, with a swimming pool and servants. It was an apricot orchard country then; it is Silicon Valley today.

The family took summer trips to Europe. His father was a strong Republican. "He'd get purple with the mention of FDR's name." Mr. Cranston's interest in politics and journalism grew, over dinner table conversations and when he listened to discussions between his father and the legendary San Francisco editor, Fremont Older, a progressive then in his 70s. It was Older and Pop Smith of the paper in nearby Mountain View who got Mr. Cranston started in journalism.

But Mr. Cranston's early career was not all success. "I learned more," he says now, "from setbacks than from success." He lost the "Mein Kampf" lawsuit and was sued by Haile Selassie for libel for writing that the emperor had a man in half.

His play, "The Big Story," intended for Broadway, died out of town; he failed to make the 1936 Olympics, where he might have run with Mr. Owens in Berlin. Like many young reporters and staffers today, he had lots of contacts and interesting experiences, but they did not seem to be adding up to a successful career.

So in 1945, he took another path — or, rather, two of them. He decided to return to California, where he "surprised and pleased" his father by joining his business. He also met Grenville Clark, founder of the United World Federalists, and, first in California and then for two years in New York as Mr. Clark's top staffer, tried to advance the cause of world government.

The emphasis on nuclear disarmament in his presidential campaign is no accident; this has long been his foremost cause. But there is also a practical side to Mr. Cranston. He stayed in the real estate business, and in postwar California he made plenty of money; he has lived comfortably ever since, although never in the grand style of his parents.

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## Church Emerges as Intermediary in Chilean Crisis

By Jackson Diehl  
*Washington Post Service*

SANTIAGO — With the growth of Chile's protest movement, the Roman Catholic Church has shifted away from confrontation with the government of General Augusto Pinochet and is emerging as a potential intermediary in the deepening crisis.

The powerful church organization long led attacks on the military's human rights violations and sheltered dissidents from General Pinochet's repression. The government counterattacked with measures ranging from the arrest and expulsion of priests to the public beatdown of bishops.

After the inauguration in June of Juan Francisco Fresno as archbishop of Santiago, however, both state and church have appeared to seek a change in relations. The archbishop has focused on calls for political dialogue and conciliation, and government leaders have viewed the church as a possible aid in pacifying political opposition.

Church leaders increasingly have placed themselves in the isolated middle ground between General Pinochet and the alliance of political and labor leaders seeking his ouster.

Last Monday, Archbishop Fresno appeared to defuse a potential crisis by successfully asking General Pinochet to drop charges against

a popular dissident labor leader, Rodolfo Seguel. Mr. Seguel, who was jailed by a judge after calling General Pinochet a "fanatical dictator," had been reported to be in deteriorating health after 10 days of a hunger strike.

General Pinochet and government supporters evidently hope Archbishop Fresno will rein in church activists in human rights and social movements and call for an end to five months of popular protests. The new archbishop is also under heavy pressure, however, from Santiago's priests and scholars fired from universities or persecuted by the government.

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General Pinochet has since conspicuously cultivated the new Catholic leader. He attended the archbishop's first Mass on June 11, then invited him to lunch and sent him a Bible on his birthday.

Pro-government media besieged

Archbishop Fresno for several days before the last national protest in an effort to extract a comment on whether the demonstrations should be held. While strongly deplored violence, however, the archbishop has not taken a stand against the protests.

At the same time the archbishop's style has raised opposition within the church. Meeting in August, Santiago priests criticized the archbishop for lowering the church's image as a defender of the poor and for allowing the government to use him for political purposes, church sources said.

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## White House Weighs Watt's Future After Controversy Splits Republicans

By Dale Russakoff  
*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — The future of Interior Secretary James G. Watt remains uncertain as the White House monitors political fallout from his latest controversial remarks. Conservative and moderate Republicans are split over whether his departure would hurt or help the party in the coming election.

White House officials were expected to confer this week with Senate Republican leaders on whether President Ronald Reagan can afford to continue backing his most conservative cabinet officer after Mr. Watt's characterization of five advisers as "a black... a woman, two Jews and a cripple."

The majority leader, Howard H.

Baker Jr. of Tennessee; the chairman of the Finance Committee, Robert Dole of Kansas, and the chairman of the Budget Committee, Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico, all Republicans, have called

Mr. Watt a liability to the administration and the party. Senator Dole told Mr. Watt by telephone Friday that he believes he should resign.

Senator Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon and chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, also appearing on television, said that Mr. Watt should go and that Mr. Reagan, in not firing him, has missed an important chance to show sensitivity to minority groups.

"Honest people can disagree

about [Mr. Watt's] environmental policies," Senator Packwood said.

"But it is not permissible to go around making... demeaning statements about almost every group in America. Why do we have to put up with this liability that does us no good, has got nothing to do with the environmental policies,

and all it is, is an insulting embarrassment?"

The chairman of the Republican National Committee, Frank Fahrnkopf, called Mr. Watt's comment "inexcusable." But Mr. Fahrnkopf said the statement alone should not force Mr. Watt out.

Mr. Reagan, who accepted a

tearful apology from Mr. Watt on Thursday as adequate, remained silent on the matter Sunday.

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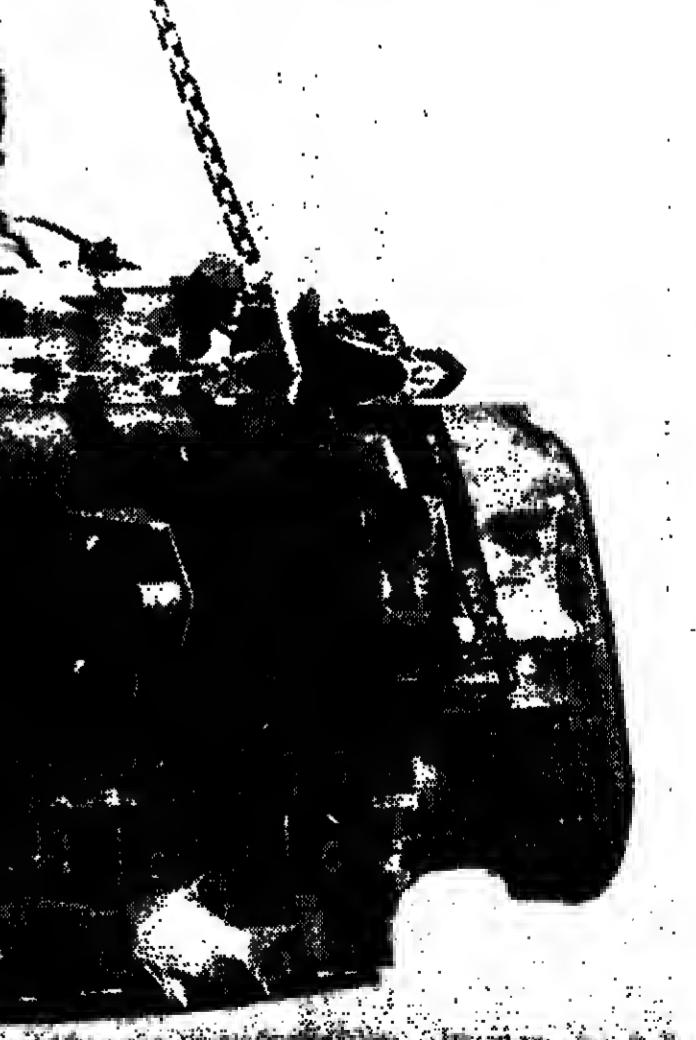
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## Weinberger Tells China Of Danger From Soviet, Promises U.S. Weapons

By Fred Hiatt  
Washington Post Service

BEIJING — The U.S. secretary of defense, Caspar W. Weinberger, pressed the Chinese hard Monday on the need for strategic cooperation, insisting them for more than an hour about the dangers of the Soviet buildup around the world and promising them access to U.S. weapons.

The Chinese responded with cool friendliness on both counts, promising to "study his points" on the world situation and referring the weapons question to lower-level technical teams for discussion. They made clear, however, that they believe the job of military deterrence is more appropriate for the United States than for a "poor country" like China, according to a high-level U.S. official who attended Monday's meeting between Mr. Weinberger and Defense Minister Zhang Aiping.

Mr. Weinberger was on the second day of a five-day visit to China aimed at resuming the military relationship between the two countries after two years of tensions. U.S. officials would like to help modernize the Chinese Army to offset what they see as a Soviet buildup in northeastern Asia, Afghanistan and Vietnam.

The Chinese, who want access to U.S. technology in many fields, have welcomed Mr. Weinberger politely but cautiously. Mr. Zhang emphasized in his welcoming toast Sunday — and by his brief response in Monday's meeting — that China would not abandon its independent course by allying itself too closely with the United States.

During their meeting Monday morning, Mr. Weinberger assured Mr. Zhang that the United States was sincere in its desire to allow China access to more advanced technology than has been permitted in the past. As a result of new regulations categorizing China as "friendly but non-aligned," 32 items in which China expressed an interest more than two years ago will now be made available, Mr. Weinberger said.

After the formal morning session, members of the U.S. delegation met with Chinese officials in working groups to discuss technical transfer and possible future exchanges of military teams.

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WASHOUT — Rains in the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido washed out a road near the city of Noboribetsu. About 1,500 houses were flooded in the area.

## Marcos Vows to Revamp Commission on Aquino

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MANILA — President Ferdinand E. Marcos announced Monday that he would reorganize the commission investigating the assassination of Benigno S. Aquino Jr., the opposition leader.

Mr. Marcos, in a nationwide radio and television address, offered to revamp the fact-finding commission, which has been widely criticized, saying he wants a "free, impartial and objective" inquiry.

Mr. Aquino was killed as he returned home last month from self-exile in the United States.

"If necessary, I intend to strengthen the commission," Mr.

Marcos said. "If the commission is of the belief that there should be more members, I will consider the matter and ask perhaps two members of the Batasang Pambansa [parliament] to participate."

Meanwhile, about 1,600 extra troops and tanks have moved to Manila in a show of force after anti-government riots, triggered by Mr. Aquino's murder, and to boost security for President Ronald Reagan's visit in November, according to military and diplomatic sources quoted by Reuters.

Two battalions of soldiers have been shifted to a military camp on the outskirts of Manila, and tanks have also been brought in after the worst violence since martial law was imposed 11 years ago, they said.

Ten persons were killed and more than 150 injured when security forces clashed with demonstrators trying to force their way through to President Marcos's palace last week.

The political opposition, which has called for Mr. Reagan's visit to be canceled, has said it will press ahead with demonstrations against the U.S. president despite a security clampdown and a ban on unauthorized rallies.

Diplomats said the visit, scheduled for Nov. 5 and 6, would go ahead despite fears for Mr. Reagan's safety.

"The only scenario I can really see is Marcos disinviting Reagan by saying the timing is inappropriate in view of the unrest. But Marcos is not that sort of man — when challenged, he comes out fighting," said one diplomat quoted by Reuters.

The government insists, however, that there is no danger of an army rebellion. It dismisses assertions that Spain's young democracy is being held hostage by the military.

But the government did face what amounted to open factory rebellion when workers at a state-owned steel mill in the eastern port of Sagunto defied orders to leave their jobs.

Management sacked or suspended the 160 men involved when they continued production of rail tracks and construction girders after a decision had been made to close down their section of the Alcoa Hormos del Mediterraneo plant.

The closure was part of a major overhaul of industry aimed at streamlining the state sector before Spain enters the European Community at a target date of 1986.

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The tough response to the work-

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## Bonn Opposition Is Turning to Polls To Illustrate Anti-Missile Sentiment

By James M. Markham  
New York Times Service

BONN — As the partisan debate sharpens over the projected stationing of U.S. medium-range missiles in West Germany, opposition politicians are increasingly resorting to opinion polls to demonstrate that an overwhelming majority of the country is against the new weapons.

The society, which has 20,000 members in 128 nations, passed a resolution accepting Soviet military forces of attacking a civilian plane with 269 people "who did not pose any threat to the lives of others."

### French Navy Offices Bombed

The Associated Press

PARIS — Bombs exploded outside French Navy recruiting offices here Saturday and Monday, causing some damage but no injuries, police said. In a message sent to a news agency, the banned terrorist group Action Directe claimed responsibility for the second blast, near the St. Lazare railroad station. It condemned France's military action in Chad and Lebanon.

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They think they're immersing themselves in a great populist movement," said Klaus Liepelt of the Infas polling group in Bonn.

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## Spain: Is Socialists' Honeymoon Over?

By Brian Mooney  
Reuters

MADRID — Spain's Socialist government, which appeared almost unshakable when it took power with a four-year mandate after a landslide election victory last October, has begun to look just a little vulnerable.

Two potentially damaging cracks have emerged in less than a week, with a disgruntled army general openly defying the government and trade unions threatening nationwide strikes.

At the same time, Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez submitted himself to a bruising three-day debate in the legislature, the Cortes, in which his administration came under concerted fire from opponents of both the left and the right.

But despite the tone of the attacks, the Cortes was the 41-year-old prime minister's least concern. His Socialist Workers' Party commands an absolute majority in the lower house, the Congress, with 202 of the 350 seats.

More troubling was the pressure outside the Cortes — from sectors of the armed forces still apparently unreconciled to Spain's new democracy and from workers not willing to go along with the Socialists' austerity measures.

Political sources said both developments were a jolt to the government, which was just congratulating itself on achieving an initial success in taming the tide of economic recession.

Discontent in the barracks, which came to light with the publication of a magazine interview with a senior army general who was critical of the government, raised yet again the specter of a military coup in Spain.

Most Spaniards had put such thoughts out of their minds since the Socialists took office in December and embarked on a course of moderate reform in the style of social democracy.

But the picture changed with a recent campaign for clemency for officers imprisoned for taking part in a spectacular but abortive coup in February 1981. The campaign culminated in an interview given by the commander of the Valladolid military region, Lieutenant General Fernando Soteras Casamayor.

General Soteras said a majority of fellow officers wanted the coup plotters freed and also described a hypothetical case in which he said the armed forces would be justified in seizing power.

Mr. Gonzalez reacted by sacking General Soteras. And he sounded a warning in the Cortes against military meddling in politics.

His warning was echoed by Spain's most influential newspaper, *El País*, which said his government should not underestimate the threat from the military.

"I would not be surprised if some element of the army tries to launch another coup," commented Xavier Arbizu, president of the Basque National Party.

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polls is evident. In a highly publicized letter to Social Democratic legislators, Yuli V. Andropov, the Soviet leader, alluded last week to another poll that found 72 percent of the West German population against the new missiles.

In private, both politicians and pollsters are skeptical about what the missile polls really demonstrate.

"It all depends on how you formulate your question," said a government official. "If you ask a German, 'Are you in favor of rockets?' a very high percentage will say no. If you formulate it differently, you will get a different answer."

Mr. Liepelt sees the polls as saying more about human ambivalence than policy options. "People don't like rockets but they don't like to be defeated," he said.

One of the most intriguing findings of missile polls is that an extremely high percentage of respondents express strong support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, even while rejecting the alliance's nuclear modernization program.

The poll disclosed by Mr.

Brandt, for example, found that 67 percent of those against the new missiles were also in favor of NATO membership.

"We know that the word NATO is positively valued," said Dieter Roth of the Forschungsgruppe Wahlen organization in Mann-

heim.

"When you bring the word NATO into play, you get a better result than when you don't use it."

Asked simply what should happen if the Soviet-U.S. Geneva talks fail, a poll for West German television found 72 percent of the population in favor of more talks and no missiles.

"These figures," a commentator said, "show clearly that there is a distance between the official German security policies and the majority opinion of the population."

But Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann of the Altenbergs polling group, which has good ties with the government, challenged that finding with one of her own based on a more complicated question: "If there is no agreement at the end of October in Geneva — and the Soviet Union continues to keep its SS-20 missiles aimed at Europe — should then Pershing-2 missiles be deployed in the Federal Republic, in keeping with NATO's two-track decision, or should they not be deployed?"

The poll found 40 percent

against deployment, 37 percent in favor and 23 percent undecided.

Another Altenbergs formulation

gave respondents the choice be-

tween either accepting deployment

or leaving NATO. Under these

conditions 46 percent favored ac-

cepting the missiles, and only 22

percent said they would leave the alliance.

ers' defiance, relayed through the state holding company INI, which

entire plant if the illegal work-in continued.

But the government was confronted with equally awesome threats. The Communist-led Workers' Commission, trade union movement said it would call strikes throughout Spain unless the dismissal orders were withdrawn.

The two sides later reached a

compromise, but the incident left a scar. It marked the first time that the trade unions had flexed their muscles since the Socialists came to power and was seen as a reminder to the government that it would have to tread more carefully in carrying out the unpopular economic measures it says are needed to guarantee economic recovery.

conference, Gabino Diaz Merchan of Oviedo, said over the weekend that the church would not comply with the government order.

He said the order "would represent censorship and would go against the treaty signed [in 1979] between the Spanish state and the Vatican."

The 1979 concordat was negotiated to define the church's role in Spain following the death of Franco, under whose regime Catholicism was the state religion.

The new scholastic law being considered by the Cortes is aimed at giving the government more control over the curriculum of state-subsidized schools. It also would provide for parents and students to sit on school councils with a role in administration.

Catholic and other schools that receive direct public funds, saying the church printed and distributed the texts without the required government approval.

Education officials said they had been negotiating over the language with church representatives when they learned that the books already had gone to press.

Government officials said the dispute was purely jurisdictional. But it was colored by Socialist plans to allow abortions for the first time in Spain, despite strong ecclesiastical objections.

Both the education reform and abortion bills are assured of passage this fall by the Socialist majority in the Cortes.

The Education Ministry on Friday banned the two books from



King Leopold III signing abdication papers on July 16, 1951, with Prince Baudouin, at right.

## Former King Leopold III of Belgium, Who Abdicated in 1951, Dies at 81

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Former King Leopold III, 81, who abdicated for his son Baudouin 32 years ago, died

of heart failure, the royal palace said Monday.

An autocrat who favored the counsel of confidants to government officials, Leopold was suspected of Nazi sympathies when he surrendered the Belgian Army in May 1940, although most historians later said he had little choice given the speed with which the Germans were overrunning Europe and the small size and limited firepower of the Belgian Army.

After the surrender to the Germans, Leopold again ignored advice and chose to serve out the war as a prisoner rather than flee to England and head a government in exile.

In December 1941, while a prisoner, he married Marie Liliane Baudouin, a London-born companion. He gave her the title of Princess de Rethy with the understanding that neither she nor her children could assume the throne.

The royal couple were liberated by Allied troops in Austria in May 1945 but the king did not immediately return to Belgium, naming his brother, Prince Charles, as regent while he moved to Switzerland.

He declared that he would not return until those who had been his ministers in 1940 apologized publicly for having counseled him to flee from the Nazis. The government refused.

He opposed the Communists and Socialists who came to power after the war, and they opposed his return in 1950, although he won the support of 60 percent of the voters in a plebiscite on whether he should return.

The margin was considered too small and riots broke out in Brussels and other cities. When Leopold returned to Brussels, troops were needed to ensure his safety and civil war was threatened by leftist and others.

The Socialists rallied government support and a compromise was reached so that Leopold delegated his powers to his son, Prince Baudouin, and abdicated on July 16, 1951.

He continued to live in Belgium and enjoyed the courtesy title of King of the Belgians.

Ruth Carter Stapleton, FAYETTEVILLE, North Carolina (AP) — Ruth Carter Stapleton, 53, sister of former President Jimmy Carter, died Monday of cancer of the pancreas, her husband said.



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## Brazil's Risky Game

The Brazilian Congress has rejected, by a 252-to-1 vote, a bill to hold down wage increases. That is a bad omen. The defeated bill is not part of the economic stabilization program Brazil worked out with the International Monetary Fund, and perhaps the Brazilian congressmen thought killing it was a costless gesture. But it seems to show rising resistance to the more stringent restraint on which the IMF agreement depends. The vote on that legislation will probably come in October.

Like the U.S. Congress, the Brazilian Congress prefers to deal with the international debt crisis as though it were purely a domestic issue. In Washington, congressmen vote against strengthening the IMF in order, they happily think, to punish American banks. In Brazil, congressmen vote against wage restraint because it will mean, at least temporarily, a drop in living standards.

There is a lot of nationalistic talk in Brazil about a moratorium on repayment. Since Brazil is perhaps a couple of billion dollars in arrears on its payments, it has already fallen into an uncharted moratorium. Relations between lenders and borrowers are increasingly tenuous. Reports from Brazil suggest a rising inclination there to joust with the IMF in a test of nerve and will. That temptation needs to be resisted. It would raise the chances that one of the American creditors might break ranks and rush into a U.S. court to try to seize Brazilian assets in the United States. If that happened, other creditors would feel compelled to do the

same thing, if only to protect their positions in the eventual settlement.

Brazilian politicians, other than the financial specialists, evidently do not fully understand that the Reagan administration would have no control over that process. It would go forward in the courts, and not only U.S. courts. It would escalate rapidly into a worldwide competition to attach Brazilian cargoes, ships, planes and bank accounts. People in other countries would suddenly find themselves risking litigation simply by doing business with Brazilian companies.

A primitive and isolated country might hope to ride out that kind of legal attack. But Brazil ranks eighth worldwide in manufacturing output, and 14th in exports. Cut off from international credit and trade, its economy would go into paralysis, with truly dire consequences for standards of living. The effects on the U.S. economy would also be severe, as a major foreign customer disappeared and ripples of panic ran through the credit markets.

Brazil was living for a time on foreign loans, and as foreign lending drops there will be an impact on Brazilian life and incomes. That is inevitable. The crucial thing is to keep lines of trade and credit open, and get the buoyant Brazilian economy expanding again as rapidly as possible. The creditors and the IMF have a responsibility to keep working with Brazil. Conversely, Brazil has a responsibility to keep working with the IMF.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

## A Victory on Marti

If the White House will now let well enough alone, it can claim a victory in the vexed matter of Radio Marti. That is the name of the station President Reagan dearly wants in order to wage propaganda war against Fidel Castro. But he has failed to show need for an independently operated station, or any way that American broadcasters could be protected against Cuba's retaliatory jamming.

So the Senate has produced a sensible-looking compromise. It would make Marti part of the Voice of America, which has the needed traditions of professionalism and accountability. Indeed, from 1961 until its budget was cut in 1974, the Voice beamed special daily programs to Cuba. In addition, the Senate would provide for compensation to any domestic station troubled by Cuban counteraction.

But instead of claiming victory, the White

House is crying foul. It wants a separate station, run by its special appointees, spending public money but with limited accountability. That says something about the fixation with Cuba in the office of William Clark, the president's national security adviser. He has tried to unglue the Senate compromise — over the protest of Howard Baker, the Republican majority leader.

It is not love of Castro but a greater sense of care that explains the resistance to Radio Marti in Congress. Cuban ears need no special assist; most can already tune in Spanish-language (and anti-Castro) broadcasts from Florida. By concurring with the Senate compromise, the House could assure that the War for Cuba's Ear will be fought in ways Americans can applaud.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Deficit Thinking

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan is busy playing the administration optimist these days, crowing about recovery and brushing aside calls for a future tax increase. Martin Feldstein, the president's economic adviser, looks at the same glass and claims it is half-empty. He says the prospect of huge deficits in 1984 and beyond is reducing exports, holding up interest rates and slowing capital formation. What is needed, Mr. Feldstein argues, is a big tax increase effective in October 1985.

There may be political method to President Reagan's apparent indifference to the open conflict. Financier Regan gets to sell the good economic news, while signaling congressional Republicans that the administration will not press for an unpopular tax increase before the election. Scholar Feldstein works the other side of the political street, reassuring the president's friends on Wall Street that the administration still believes deficits are horrible.

Having it both ways may temporarily be good politics. But unless Washington commits itself to something like the Feldstein approach, it is bad public policy. Some variation of a contingency tax is clearly needed to sustain the recovery. The fact that it would be hard to enact does not give the nation's leader the right to go fishing.

The fiscal 1983 deficit is expected to be a record \$200 billion. That is good, not bad: The

extra spending power thus created means more factories working, more workers at work. What worries both liberal and conservative economists is that once output approaches capacity, the remaining "structural" deficit will still be a whopping \$100 billion.

If the Federal Reserve creates sufficient credit to accommodate the government's borrowing needs, the economy will overheat and the result will be inflation. If the Fed hangs tough, immense new government borrowings will crowd out private borrowers, reducing private investment and leaving American business hopelessly uncompetitive in world markets. That is why the administration's January budget plan called for a \$40-billion to \$50-billion tax increase, effective October 1985, unless the "structural deficit" is sharply cut.

One can argue about the specifics of the contingency tax: when it should kick in, who should pay it. But clearly the time to face up to the underlying problem is now. At worst, by 1985, the tax increase might prove unnecessary, and Congress could repeat it.

Meanwhile, rapid enactment might produce immediate benefits. The legislated promise might well lower interest rates, improve the foreign trade balance and spur productive investment. The glass can, and should be, less than half-empty and more than half-full.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Other Opinion

### A Vicious Cycle

After long years of repression and humiliation, a normally patient and tolerant people — suddenly galvanized by a political murder — descends into the streets to shout its anger and disdain before the palace walls. Behind the walls, a dictator and his underlings, worn by age and by 20 years of absolute power, gorged on luxury but discredited by failure, dig in and give the order to fire.

In the background, a powerful ally, a democracy with global interests, remains silent, or else discreetly comforts — as always — those whom the people reject.

Thus, ally, associated with the city-dwelling elite, supports the military in its fight against the growth in the countryside of an armed

communist movement. But the movement feeds on rural underdevelopment, social injustice and the repression encouraged by this U.S. support of the military. It is a vicious cycle.

—R. P. Parignaux in *Le Monde* (Paris).

### Hong Kong's Future

Britain is making political mileage out of the ailing Hong Kong dollar. It is seen as a sign that the colony's prosperity could not be maintained without some form of British administration. The Chinese have been displaying increasing irritation at these inferences. The people of Hong Kong can look forward only to a spate of increased prices.

—The Bangkok Post.

### FROM OUR SEPT. 27 PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1908: Manchuria's Interest

MOUKDEN, Manchuria — Intense interest in the proposed American-Chinese alliance is manifested by officials, gentry and merchants throughout Manchuria, the theater of the sharpest conflict between Chinese and Japanese officialdom. Since the war, Japan's veto on the Hsin-Min-Tun Railway extension and the refusal to recognize Chinese rights in the Fushun mines and other property have exacerbated the Chinese officials, while the domineering attitude of Japan's nationals toward the natives has provoked deep resentment. Discussing the alliance at Government House, His Excellency Liang-Ju-Hao, Acting Governor of the Feng Tien province, said, "China has the friendliest feelings toward America."

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By James Reston

WASHINGTON — As

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when he comes so little, and

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Yet the president seems

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And this infuriates certain

American people, who like

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## ARTS / LEISURE

## A Future for a Tuscan Villa

By Henry Kamuf  
New York Times Service

**F**LORENCE — Many years hence, Sir Harold Acton hopes New York University will open a new campus that it will have inherited from him, far from Washington Square.

It will comprise five splendid Renaissance or Baroque villas and a great, formal Tuscan garden mixing greenery with statuary. Between them there will be olive groves and vineyards on slopes with splendid panoramas of the domes and steeples of Florence.

For the time being, Sir Harold, a sprightly man of 79 years, lives in the main villa, *La Pietra*, at the northern edge of the Tuscan capital, and looks and acts as though the university will have to wait for a long time to take possession of the property he has bequeathed to it.

Sir Harold, who described himself fittingly in the titles of his two volumes, "Memoirs of an Aesthete" and "More Memoirs of an Aesthete," intends to spend many more years preserving, restoring and displaying the splendors of the estate, art and library assembled by his father, Arthur Mario Action.

The bequest to the university's Institute of Fine Arts arose from Sir Harold's determination to preserve the unity of what is in itself a work of art. It is a 60-room country house and garden built in the 15th century and transformed into its present state 200 years later. In addition there is his great collection of pre-Renaissance and early-Renaissance painting, sculpture and art objects, as well as a choice library of books and manuscripts.

When Sir Harold looked for an institution that would undertake to maintain the establishment intact, his own university, Oxford, where he attended Christ Church after his Eton years, was not interested. "They're so concerned with administering what they have, they wouldn't have something else," Sir Harold explained.

Leaving the property to Florence was out of the question, he said, because the Italian authorities cannot afford to maintain such gifts.

Sir Harold feels close to America because his mother, the former Hortense Mitchell, was the daughter of William Hamilton Mitchell, a Chicago banker — "that's where the money came from," he explained — and he considers the university's Institute of Fine Arts the finest in the world.

The university was "very keen on the idea" when Sir Harold raised it in the 1960s. He has received an honorary doctorate from the university, and the Florence fine arts authorities are "very happy," he said, telling him that, given their

lack of money, "it was the best thing I could have done."

What future students and teachers will have as their setting is a three-story mansion in Tuscan's honeyed yellow stone, enhanced by green shutters. Its elegance lies in its sturdy simplicity of line, relieved by Baroque decorative flourishes in the 17th-century remodeling.

A long cypress-lined alley leads from the garage, which is on a heavily traveled street, to the serenity of the villa.

The grand rooms lie off an entrance hall as high as the mansion that centers on a fountain surrounded by paintings and tapestries. Library and dining room still have the vaulted ceilings of the Renaissance. Against their walls paintings by precursors and students of Giotto and Romanesque sculptures look as though they had always been there. A magnificent polychrome wooden Buddha of the 13th-to-14th-century Yuan period as well as some carpets are reminders of Sir Harold's Chinese days.

Paradoxically, for a man born in a Tuscan villa surrounded by an art collection whose every piece is beloved, Sir Harold has one greater love. "I'm very, very fond of Tuscan art, the finest in Europe, don't you think?" he said. "But nearest to



The entrance foyer of Sir Harold Acton's villa *La Pietra*.

English garden fancied by the Italian owners, he noted that he had it rebuilt recently to prevent its collapsing. "I'm keeping the place in

good shape for New York University and the future," he exclaimed with the enthusiasm of a man fulfilling a high vocation.

## Barney's, New York: A Family Story

By Hebe Dorsey  
International Herald Tribune

**N**EW YORK — Barney's, which stocks 40 different kinds of tweed, attracts Wall Street bankers, young men on the rise and such real-estate tycoons as Donald Trump and Harry Helmsley. A banker who did not wish to be quoted called Barney's "the smartest men's retailing operation in New York" — and, believe me, it's tough competition," adding, "I admit I'm too lazy to go down to 17th Street, but a lot of my friends do."

For Barney's, which started 60 years ago as an out-of-the-way discount clothing store, success and prestige came via the classic all-in-the-family formula. Its founder, Barney Pressman, knew how to select quality merchandise from jobbers and bankruptcy sales. He attracted a better and better clientele, a fact his son Fred used to persuade European designers — including Pierre Cardin, Hubert de Givenchy and Carlo Palazzi — to introduce their Basile fall line.

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### Operations Abroad: Consortium Bids Are on the Decline

STOCKHOLM — Commercial banks of the five Nordic countries are undergoing a clear change of attitude on the subject of consortium bank participation. Their reappraisal stems from a growing desire to strike out alone in foreign banking transactions rather than to pool resources in joint ventures.

As in the case of most international banks, Nordic banks, as they grow in size and gain in stature, prefer to assume greater control and contribute more profits to the parent company by setting up their own overseas operations. But the trend away from consortium banking is felt more in some international banking centers than in others, where the notion of joint ventures is still regarded as a useful tool in international banking. A case in point is London.

"A restructuring of the consortium idea seems to be something that is happening in London," said Jan Elmstrand, head of Svenska Handelsbanken's central international division in Stockholm. If the market share of Eurocurrency lending in London is taken as a measure of banking importance, where in 1974 consortium banks represented an 8-percent share, in 1982 they represented 4 percent, a 50-percent drop in market share.

Other foreign banks had outstripped the consortium banks' market share by last year, their branches and subsidiaries have increased more rapidly, from 164 in 1974 to 347 in 1982, whereas the number of parent banks holding stakes in London consortium banks has dropped over the same period from 91 to 70.

Signs of the reappraisal are best illustrated by recent restructurings in two of the oldest London-based Nordic joint ventures. In August, Den Norske Creditbank, Norway's largest commercial bank, announced it was buying out the other three shareholders in Nordic Bank, which was founded in 1971 and was jointly owned by Copenhagen Handelsbanken of Denmark, Svenska Handelsbanken of Sweden, Kansallis-Osake-Pankki of Finland and Norske Creditbank.

The move followed last year's decision by Svenska Handelsbanken to set up its own London operation, Svenska International, as a branch of its Luxembourg subsidiary. Under domestic Swedish banking regulations, Swedish banks acting abroad are not permitted to establish full-fledged branch offices overseas.

Just over a week later, in early September, Sweden's Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken was increasing its shareholding in Scandinavian Bank from 37 to 45.7 percent after the decision by the joint venture's two Danish shareholders to withdraw. One of the Danish banks, Den Danske Bank, which held a 14.3-percent share in Scandinavian Bank, opened its own London branch last year. "Taking this step, I think, is proof that we are not going to break up the consortium," said Curt Olson, deputy chairman of Skandinaviska Enskilda, which will be the largest shareholder in Scandinavian Bank.

Bankers with links to the two London-based joint ventures, which since they were set up have grown into the largest of all the Nordic consortiums to rank among the 20 biggest banks in the Nordic region, said that the London consortium operations remained an integral part of their international business and would continue to do so, even if restructuring took place.

Both London-based consortiums are actively involved in the foreign-exchange and interbank markets, though the primary task of Scandinavian Bank is to promote and finance Scandinavian-related trade and foreign investment. Norske Bank, which is heavily engaged in money market transactions, was granted permission last year to have its bills, made eligible for discount at the Bank of England. Scandinavian Bank has its own branches in Los Angeles and Bahrain and subsidiaries in Hong Kong and Bermuda, while Norske Bank has a similar international network.

Reasons for the reappraisal are manifold and the degree of emphasis differs according to each bank's foreign needs and expansion plans. Hans Paaschburg, a managing director of Privatbanken, Denmark's oldest commercial bank, related his own bank's experience in the field of consortiums this way: "We, in 1971, went into a consortium bank in London — United International Bank — 10 different shareholders with 10 percent each. Later on, we established our own 100-percent bank in Luxembourg and then simply founded a branch in New York. At about the same time, some of the shareholders, banks backing the United International, wished to leave it and offered their shares for sale. Then we went in and said to the other nine that we wished to take it over, which we did, renaming it Privatbanken Limited."

Other Danish banks are following Privatbanken's line. Den Danske Bank established its own London branch and is in its first year of operations; Copenhagen Handelsbanken has plans to follow suit and set up its own subsidiary. So, while some banks in the Nordic area prefer to go it alone by setting up branches or subsidiaries, others prefer to use joint ventures, which participate in a springboard to test the water before taking the plunge. Swedish banks, in particular, constrained by domestic banking regulations, will probably hide their true until the rules are relaxed and will then be in a position to break away from consortium banking and establish their own branches.

Others prefer another alternative. Sweden's state-owned bank, PK-Banken, Scandinavian's largest bank, has struck up a partnership with Norway's Christiania Bank or Kreditbanken. In London, the Swedish bank invited Christiania to join its local subsidiary, in Hong Kong, the office was converted into a jointly owned deposit-taking company and in Singapore a new merchant bank in part ownership.

But the consortium venture as a vehicle for international business of Nordic banking is far from finished. Several smaller banks in the region, as they step up their overseas operations and expand into new areas, still regard joint ventures as the safest and best banking route to service their own international profile. "There are new ones [consortium banks] coming up, because for smaller banks — like ours — the costs of setting up an independent operation in London in terms of capital, manpower and business are such that you can't afford it," said Gustav Mattson, general manager at the Bank of Helsinki.

The Finnish bank, together with Sweden's Sveriges Handelsbanken and Norway's Forretningsbanken, joined forces last year with Switzerland's Dow Banking Corporation to take over London merchant bank, Arbutinot Latham, one of the capital's oldest clearing houses. The Bank of Helsinki's London affiliate, Dow Scandinavian, was reorganized into a holding company, in which the Finnish bank has a 16-percent interest.

Swedbank and Skopbank, as the Swedish and Finnish national savings banks are known abroad, have been working together for some time and recently announced the creation of a new consortium bank in London. Fennia-Sweden Limited, as the new joint venture will be called, will have initial capital of £10 million. "We have decided to press ahead with the project despite moves by other banks to dismantle their consortia," Skopbank said.

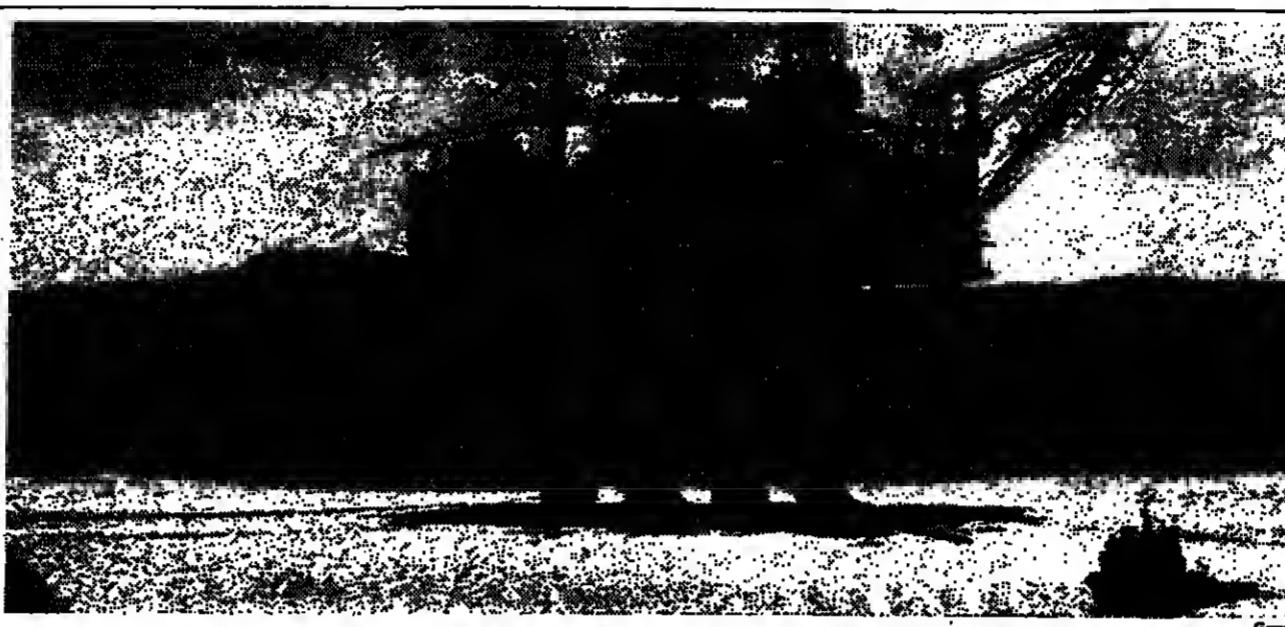
Mr. Olson of Skandinaviska Enskilda also adopted a cautious line despite the massive growth in the bank's international operations in recent years: "To start a bank today, with the very, very thin margins we have in international lending, with the very high risks the banks have to take in order to get a decent spread, and the management problem, I would say that you have to think twice before you break up a very profitable and successful consortium bank."

But Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, along with its major competitor in Sweden and elsewhere in the Nordic countries, has not shied away from the idea of going it alone when the situation dictated such a necessity. Last year, it set up its own London-based investment banking business, Enskilda Securities. The operation provides a range of services, including corporate finance, international syndicated lending transactions, currency and interest rate swaps and private placements.

The bank also established a subsidiary bank in New York, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken Corp., the parent company of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken International, which began operations at the start of 1981. The Swedish bank's usual partners in other overseas operations, Den Danske Bank and Union Bank of Finland, were thereby compelled to link up with PK-Banken and Christiania to establish a competing New York consortium in the form of American Scandinavian Banking Corp.

As the Nordic countries' trade links with the rest of the world expand, notably in the Far East, so the banks have felt a need to increase their profile in centers such as Hong Kong, Singapore and Tokyo. In these centers, the Nordic banks on the whole still prefer to adhere to the consortium principle, as in the examples of PK-Banken's and Christiania's Hong Kong and Singapore ventures. Here too, however, some banks are setting up their own operations, as in the case of Den Danske Bank, which last year opened a branch in Singapore.

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Norway's big Statfjord oil platform in the North Sea off Stavanger.

### Norway Continues to Set Oil Records

By Bjorn H. Trerövall

OSLO — Norway's oil production in July exceeded 700,000 barrels a day for the first time, pushing this North Sea producer toward a record year at a time when most other producing nations are faced with falling production and reduced incomes. At the same time new wells have confirmed the existence of one of the world's largest offshore natural gas fields in the Norwegian part of the North Sea.

Oil production at levels almost 25 percent above last year's and significant exports of natural gas put Norway in the enviable position of having a sizable surplus in its current account and of being probably the only OECD country where the central government is able to present a budget surplus.

The effect of falling international oil prices has been more than neutralized by higher production and a strong dollar. Export earnings from oil and gas for 1983 are expected to reach a record level of more than 60 billion kroner, or close to \$8.5 billion.

This means that the oil and gas sector is responsible for about a third of Norway's total exports. Close to 20 percent of the central government's income comes from this sector.

While such figures illustrate that the oil activities have grown into an important sector in Norway's economy, they also show that securing a healthy development for other sectors still is of major importance for the total performance of the economy. But as the increased oil income has seeped into the Norwegian economy, particularly through higher public-sector expenditures, prices and costs have been pushed upward, weakening the competitive position of the traditional Norwegian industries that have to compete with foreign suppliers. These problems, industries have in turn been given different forms of government support in order to keep unemployment down.

The fear of too rapid a pace of structural change in the Norwegian economy, which could have serious effects in certain areas of the country, has been an important factor in Norway's "go slow" policy for oil develop-

ment. On the other hand, the oil industry and those supplying this industry have argued for a more rapid pace of exploration and production, as a means of creating more jobs.

So far the political decision to establish a production limit of 90 million tons of oil equivalents a year has not led to any delays in putting new fields into production as fast as technology and economics have permitted. Last year Norway's production of oil and gas reached 48.9 million tons of oil equivalents. Toward the end of the 1980s production could reach about 70 million tons, while it will not approach the 90-million-ton level before the late 1990s.

All present Norwegian oil production comes from fields in the North Sea, which covers only a small part of Norway's continental shelf. Exploration has proved the existence of both oil and natural gas further north, but not yet in commercial quantities. The international oil industry is showing great interest in the areas off Norway's northern coast where large sedimentary basins could yield significant reserves of oil and gas.

As oil exploration activities move further north and into deeper waters, the development of any finds becomes more costly. The technology required is more complex, and new solutions have to be found. The stakes are high and the risks, both technical and commercial, increase. In such an environment new fields must contain significant reserves in order to warrant the development expenses needed to put it into production.

In such calculations taxation levels play a very important part. Spokesmen for several foreign oil companies have pointed out that present Norwegian tax rules make development of smaller North Sea fields unattractive and might also render larger fields in deep-water areas uneconomic from a company point of view.

The amount of applications to be filed with Norway's Department of Oil and Energy before the Oct. 15 deadline for the new concession round will give some indications as to how the international oil industry view the attractiveness of the Norwegian continental

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Inside the Ekofisk platform.

### Nordic Region Is Rated Highly As Credit Risk

By Michael Metcalfe

COPENHAGEN — At a time when bankers talk of the international debt crisis and the need by several major borrowers in Latin America and Eastern Europe to reschedule their debt, the banking community breathes easily when it turns its eyes on the Nordic countries. There is no fear of Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo or Stockholm running behind in their repayments and, although margins may be thinner and in some cases conditions tighter, there is no scarcity of Nordic credits on the market.

Nordic countries continue to be extremely creditworthy, some even more so than nations much larger and more potent than themselves. An illustration of this is to be found in the latest survey of country credit ratings published in the October issue of Euromoney.

Norway ranks as the most highly rated of the five, in seventh place out of 116 countries, coming just behind Canada and placed before Australia. Norway falls into 13th place, preceded by the Netherlands and followed by Belgium, while Finland is in 16th and Denmark is 17th position. Iceland emerges as 40th, on a par with the United Arab Emirates, ahead of Turkey and behind Egypt.

According to statistics compiled by Morgan Guaranty, Sweden has been the biggest Nordic borrower on both the syndicated Eurobond and international bond markets this year, raising almost \$2.4 billion equivalent in Eurocurrency credits and \$2.3 billion in bond issues during the first half of 1983. The figure represents a major increase from last year, when Sweden borrowed \$649 million in terms of syndicated loans and \$2.7 billion in bonds during the entire year.

Denmark also increased its borrowing abroad substantially so far this year, raising \$1.6 billion in syndicated loans and \$361 million in bonds. The first-half figures compare with \$789 million and \$1 billion equivalent respectively for the whole of 1982.

In the case of Norway and Finland, their foreign debt is proportionally much lower, though the Norwegians raised a large amount — \$2.1 billion in Eurocurrency credits last year, dropping to \$336 million in the first six months of 1983. Finland has not taken up any syndicated loans since 1980, concentrating its lending in the international bond markets, which saw Finland raise \$815 million last year and \$560 million in the first half of 1983.

On the whole, Nordic borrowers are not experiencing much difficulty in raising the amounts they require at the conditions they wish to see. A recent example of fine terms is the domestic credit of the Kingdom of Sweden, which was heavily oversubscribed and which doubled in volume from its original £250 million. Despite the low margin of 3 percent above money market rates for the first two years, rising to 1/2 percent for up to a further 10, the credit attracted a large number of banks, including about 50 lead managers.

Denmark, which a year ago had the unsettling experience of seeing New York's Standard & Poor's add it to its "Creditwatch" for evaluation of potentially negative developments, has allayed fears over its ability to manage its indebtedness and still commands good terms for its foreign borrowing. "There is now much more room for optimism in the economy and, as the balance of payments current-account deficit narrows and our trade account swings back into surplus, so our foreign borrowing will decline," Finance Minister Henning Christensen said.

But problem areas remain. Since the start of the decade, Sweden and Denmark have increased the pace of their foreign borrowing to cover the needs of costly welfare states and widening current-account deficits. The net foreign debt as a percentage of gross domestic product has in both countries more than doubled over the last five years, in Sweden's case to nearly 30 percent and in that of Denmark to more than 33 percent. Net interest payments abroad have confirmed their steep upward trend due to the rapidly rising foreign debt, higher interest rates on international capital markets and the strengthening exchange rate of the dollar. Rising amortization payments reflect the fact that both countries accumulated large amounts of short-term debt in the 1970s, which are now expiring.

However, there are signs that the steep increase in net foreign debt as a percentage of GDP appears to be flattening out. Restrictive budgetary policies in Copenhagen and Stockholm, a deceleration in the growth patterns of public-sector expenditure, and a narrowing of current-account deficits, all point to a slowdown in the rate of borrowing on international capital markets.

Danish government officials believe that the current-account deficit (Continued on Following Page)

### Social Democrats' Radical Investment Plan Could Alter Swedish Industry

STOCKHOLM — Despite opposition from industry and banking and a general unwillingness among the public, Sweden's Social Democratic government is poised to introduce a radical investment plan that could decide the future of private ownership in Swedish industry by the end of the decade.

The relative size of the funds, which would be able to buy shares in any publicly quoted company on the Stockholm bourse, would make them a formidable investor in the Swedish stock market. At a later stage, Sweden's 24 local authorities would each have such a fund, to be administered by elected committees made up of trade union officials, representatives of local government and politicians, although a formula for the election of these committees has yet to be drawn up. A form of universal suffrage might elect the committee members, once the transitional phase is over, government officials said.

Critics of the funds plan, which has yet to be passed by the Riksdag, argued that the funds, if implemented, would have disastrous repercussions for the stock market and an economy with a large budget deficit and external debt. "The institutional nature of the funds, with centralized decision-making and lack of a profit motive, will make them inefficient, with built-in caution preventing them from becoming a source of venture capital, which is precisely what Swedish industry needs," said an official of the Employers' Confederation.

But LO officials said that the regional division of the funds would lead to greater risk capital being fed into economically or financially depressed regions served by the planned funds. Employers' organizations said Swedish industry required increased profitability and not more capital, rejecting the notion of collective ownership with the argument that employees will not be able to draw any direct benefit from the funds.

"It would be fatal for Swedish industry to have a dominating shareholder with completely alien objectives, other values and a wholly opposed view about decision-making than what is needed if business enterprises are to serve against fierce international competition," said Sven Agrip, managing director of AGA, a Swedish engineering firm.

But the government has other ideas. Insisting that different viewpoints would be taken into account by the administration, following the laws proposed by Prime Minister Palme, the finance minister, Kjell-Olof Feldt, nevertheless said: "Wage-earner funds will come into being next year; that is the government's stated objective."

One Swedish company is not going to wait for the funds to be introduced. Datatronic, a leading manufacturer of computer programs, announced last month that it would be moving its main operations to the United States to protest the new tax to finance the funds. Whether this initiative will be followed by others, thereby prompting a flight of capital from Sweden, remains an open question. Several companies take the view that the funds' influence on corporate policy will be held in check by the working group's recommendation that the aggregate holding of shares by the funds in any one company should not exceed 49 percent, thereby stopping short of majority control.

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### Foreign Bank Branches: The Focus Is Shifting to Sweden and Norway

HELSINKI — The subject of foreign banks' presence — or lack of it — in the Nordic countries has stirred heated debate in official and commercial banking circles that shows little sign of cooling in the foreseeable future. The willingness of Denmark and, more recently, Finland to allow foreign banks in has shifted the focus to Sweden and Norway, where the advantages of a large industrial base and North Sea oil revenues, respectively, appear to warrant entry of foreign banks as soon as possible.

In Norway, a government-appointed commission recently ruled in favor of foreign banks' establishing subsidiaries subject to strict conditions and rules applying to domestic banks. The government seems likely to approve the recommendations soon.

Sweden's central bank governor, Bengt Dennis, said: "The government has decided to study the whole question of the institutional structure of the credit market in Sweden, including the advisability or feasibility of setting up foreign banks in Sweden, so it's an open question." A committee appointed by the Social Democratic administration has yet to be fully constituted and has up to two years to report its findings.

The entry of a small number of foreign banks into Finland last year, permitted by a change in the banking law in 1979, helps to illustrate some of the problems and advantages of foreign banks' intent on operating in the Nordic countries. Three banks have been allowed to establish subsidiaries, but not branch offices, in Helsinki. They are Citibank and Chase Manhattan of the United States and the Banque de l'Industrie et de la Suez de France. Citibank was the first to obtain a license and has the longest experience in Finland.

"I would say business has developed very satisfactorily, because to start with, Finland certainly is not an Eldorado for foreign banking owing to the very controlled nature of the domestic money market; and the other problem for foreign banks is that the corporate nature of their business is ill-fitting to the tailor-made needs of universal banking in the domestic capital market," said Kari Mannola, vice president and managing director of Citibank's Helsinki subsidiary.

The presence of foreign banks in Finland may also have helped to pave the way for the central bank's decision last year to allow Finnish bank participation in foreign syndication lending and credits where there is no Finnish beneficiary. But the lack of a deposit base such as in the retail banking activities of the

domestic banks, with their access to large amounts of liquidity for use in such areas as the short-term money market, has stunted the growth of the foreign banks.

The twin-edged competitive blade — the wholesale foreign subsidiary bank with the corporate strength of its parent versus the retail domestic bank with its large deposit base — has also been acutely felt by foreign banks in Denmark. Copenhagen was the first Nordic capital to open its doors to banks from abroad, soon after Denmark joined the EEC in 1973. In less than two years, banks such as Bank of America, Chase Manhattan and Standard Chartered were enjoying the privileges and perks of either a full branch bank status or that of a subsidiary.

"American banks and British banks and others have mostly come, first and foremost, to help American daughter companies, American branches; and then, of course, many big Danish companies have had a connection to foreign banks," said Hans Paaschburg, managing director of Privatbanken, who is also chairman of the Danish Bankers' Association. None of the foreign banks has gone into retail business. "It is very (Continued on Following Page)

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## Margins Thinner, Credit Risk Good

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will be about halved in 1984 to a little less than \$1.2 billion, or 2 percent of GDP, contributing factors being an expected improvement in the terms of trade, a significant reduction in the energy bill and a reduced debt servicing burden.

Stockholm officials project the current-account deficit to be reduced from about 3.7 percent of GDP in 1982 to around 1 percent of GDP in 1984, though the debt-servicing burden will probably continue to remain relatively heavy. The officials noted that the 16-percent devaluation of the Swedish krona last October and the strengthening dollar added additional burdens to servicing the foreign debt.

Of the four major Nordic countries, Norway and Finland have fewer problems than their neighbors on the international borrowing markets. In the case of Norway, the benefits of North Sea oil have helped to keep its balance-of-payments current account in modest surplus recently, although a shift into slight deficit is forecast for this year and next, in the order of about 1 percent or less than GDP.

The Norwegian authorities prepared the ground for this eventuality — and the effects of last autumn's devaluation on the debt burden — by heavier borrowing in 1982 than in previous years.

Finland has succeeded in keeping a low borrowing profile on international markets over the last few years, limiting its debt to fixed-interest credits and bonds. Its net foreign debt in relation to GDP grew steadily until 1977, when it peaked at 21 percent, and thereafter it declined to about 14 percent in 1981.

Debt officials in Helsinki explained that the devaluations of last October increased the market value of the debt, raising the ratio to 17 percent. However, debt service charges have been stable during the 1970s and early 1980s and have remained at about 10 percent of current-account earnings.

Finland will raise less than \$1 billion equivalent on international markets this year, it is estimated, though the amount may increase somewhat next year, if the current-account deficit widens slightly, as is anticipated by the government.

NORDIC FOREIGN BORROWING  
(In millions of dollars)

	1980	1981	1982	1983 (Jan.- June)
EUROCURRENCY CREDITS				
Denmark	1,720	1,661	789	1,584
Finland	1,040	n.a.*	n.a.*	n.a.
Norway	685	713	2,069	336
Sweden	1,370	1,867	649	2,350

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BONDS				
Denmark	1,125	695	1,019	961
Finland	392	672	815	560
Norway	892	530	832	269
Sweden	3,244	2,050	2,729	2,283

\* Figures not available.

Sources: Morgan Guaranty

By Trond Boerhaug Hansen

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At present, unemployment stands at 68,000, or 4.1 percent, of the labor force. In many Western countries, this would be considered a fairly happy state of affairs, but Norwegian politicians regard it as very serious. The psychological impact of the figure is perhaps better understood when it is

realized that it represents a 60-percent growth in the number of jobless over the course of a year.

If, however, most Norwegian politicians agree on the general aims of economic policy, there is considerable disagreement as to how to achieve these aims. The "counter-depression" policy of raising large loans on future oil revenues to subsidize non-oil industry and retain jobs had been abandoned before the Conservatives ousted the Social Democratic Labor Party from government in 1981. But Labor, in opposition, still clamors for a policy that will secure employment through higher public-sector spending and increased subsidies to particularly weakened industries, such as shipbuilding.

The Conservatives and their coalition parties, though disagreeing among themselves on certain particular questions, are resolved that the main problems facing industry are production costs and outdated methods.

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The government is pledged to reduce inflation through austerity measures that include reduced public-sector spending and reducing pay increases to the lowest possible level. To offset this, it has promised tax cuts that it hopes will lead to increased productivity and improved

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Nevertheless, the problems remain formidable. The country's geography itself, with a thin and scattered population, produces its own difficulties. And Norway's economic fate remains closely linked to that of other Western countries and, particularly, its neighbors — as was indicated by the government's anger at the 16-percent devaluation of the Swedish krona by the Social Democrats last October, which affected Norwegian exports to Sweden heavily.

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The control room of the Ekofisk platform.

## Norway Continues to Set Oil Records

(Continued from Preceding Page) An example of this is the recent agreement between the Norwegian government and Phillips Petroleum and its partner to secure a \$2-billion project to increase the yield from the Ekofisk field, Norway's oldest.

The major technological challenges over the coming years are presented by the giant Troll gas field, named after giant creatures in Norwegian fairy tales. With total

recoverable reserves approaching 2 trillion cubic meters of gas, the field could become an important source of natural gas for Western Europe from the middle of the 1990s. But as the field is in an area with water depths of around 350 meters and some distance from the main markets, the development of Troll — and the gas produced — will become rather expensive.

This situation presents Norway

with another major challenge: How to find markets for all its gas at prices that warrant the development of expensive fields like Troll and possibly others further North. The prospective buyers on the Continent and in Britain are showing great interest in securing new supplies of Norwegian gas, but it has to be available at prices that make it competitive with alternative forms of energy in the final markets.

A major competitor for Norwegian gas will be increased exports of natural gas from the Soviet Union, which has huge reserves. After the political upheavals following the latest deal bringing Soviet gas to West Europe, supplies from Norway were put forward as an alternative. Commercial considerations could also lead the buyers to increase Norwegian purchases as a means of diversifying their sources of supplies. The question remaining is what price they are willing to pay, or how much more will Norwegian gas be worth than increased imports from the Soviet Union.

Negotiations now going on for the sale of the gas from Norway's Sleipner field could give a hint as to what can happen. The British Gas Corporation wants the Sleipner gas to fill the supply gap envisaged for the 1990s. Continental buyers are also interested, but with new Soviet gas coming on stream soon and with gas consumption showing a decline, they appear to be less keen than the BGC in securing new supplies.

Although a solution to the gas marketing situation will be of great importance for Norway's petroleum activities in the coming years, increased oil production from proven and probable fields will also provide important income to the Norwegian government coffers until into the next century unless there is a dramatic collapse in the world oil market. If, in addition, as most analysts assume, new Norwegian gas finds a market in Western Europe, the country could very well continue accumulating large surpluses both in its current account and in the government budget. The domestic debate as to how such money should be spent is sure to go on.

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**Swedish Economy Moving Toward Recovery, but Doubts Remain**

STOCKHOLM — After less than 12 months in office, the Social Democratic government of Sweden's Olof Palme appears to be well on the way toward restoring the economy.

A 16-percent devaluation of the Swedish krona last October has nudged industry into improved competitiveness. Exports are booming, corporate profitability is set to reach record levels and the export-led recovery has infused the buoyant mood of the Stockholm bourse.

But niggling doubts remain. Unemployment has continued to edge upward, reaching 3.5 percent this year; industrial investment is still at depressed levels, and the budget and current account balance of payments deficit, exacerbated by a rising external debt, show few signs of narrowing. Moreover, inflation could be fuelled, firstly, by the effects of the krona devaluation boosting import costs and, secondly, by higher wage demands when next year's round of labor negotiations begin.

The government said in its revised budget for this year that the measures undertaken to date represent a first phase in its policy for steering the economy back on course. "A necessary condition for the success of the new policy is that the high rate of inflation that has prevailed in Sweden for a decade is now broken," the government said. Unless the 10-percent annual rate of inflation is reduced, the positive effects of the devaluation will have been eliminated in a couple of years.

"The important thing is to get inflation down after such a measure."

Michael Schilman, deputy undersecretary at the Finance Ministry, said. Several leading economists were forecasting inflation of 15 percent this year, the government's own projection was for 11.5 percent, and the latest figures suggest an increase closer to less than 9 percent, helped in part by the fall in international and domestic interest rates, he said.

Restrictive budget policies play an important role in the government's strategy to keep inflation down and reap the benefits of the devaluation. The administration will present a series of fiscal and budgetary measures this autumn involving some withdrawal of business liquidity and, economists said, this would probably include the abolition or reduction of the current 30-percent tax rebate on tax-sheltered mutual funds, or so-called share-saving funds. The funds have proved a boon to investors on the Stockholm stock exchange, but it is felt that the current strength of the exchange would suffice to ride out the impact such a move would have on investment purchases.

Moreover, the government will probably dispense with or, at least, limit widespread automatic indexing in several sectors of the economy. This practice is to be found in a number of areas: in a large variety of appropriations on public budgets, in agricultural price controls, in wage settlements and in pricing in many parts of the business sector. "The aim of this de-indexing is to break inflationary expectation," Mr. Schilman said.

One new development that may upset the government's calculations is the decision made in August by the Trade Union Confederation to dispense with centralized wage negotiations for blue-collar workers on the private Swedish labor market next year. The move, which upsets a tradition practiced for more than 40 years and which became known as the Swedish Model — synonymous with harmonious labor and industrial relations — could have serious repercussions on the government's objective to keep wages down and control inflation.

On the plus side, Sweden's leading exporters have helped to boost the trade surplus in the first seven months of this year to more than 10 billion kronor from 4.6 billion kronor in the comparable 1982 period. In volume terms, exports were up about 10 percent and imports 3 percent.

Allowing for seasonal factors, which would have a negative impact on the trade balance in the latter stages of the year, independent economists forecast that Sweden will still record a surplus in the region of 5 billion kronor for the whole of 1983. This compares with the government's assessment of a balanced trade account. "The picture is clearly better than we anticipated as late as the Revised Budget Bill of last April," Mr. Schilman said.

Two major obstacles on the path to full economic recovery remain. The budget deficit for this year is estimated at 92 billion kronor, which in real terms is little changed from last year's figure. Public expenditure contin-

ues to exert a heavy drain on the government's resources, with the present administration reluctant to prune the welfare state that has made Sweden the envy of the world.

Part of the deficit problem is the huge national debt, forecast for this year at more than 55 billion kronor. If this growth trend persists, the government expects that the corresponding figure for 1987 would amount to about 90 billion kronor, or 75 percent of the budget deficit in that year. The debt burden is compounded by heavy interest. A government survey showed that the book value of the national debt rose dramatically in the late 1970s and early 1980s. As a share of the gross domestic product it has risen from slightly more than 20 percent at the start of the 1970s to about 61 percent at the end of 1982.

If this trend persists and, in spite of the export boom, public and private expenditure is not brought down to more manageable levels, several economists predict that the current-account deficit, currently projected at 18.5 billion kronor for 1983, will continue to widen, mainly due to the cost of servicing Sweden's foreign debt, interest on which rose substantially as a result of the devalued krona in relation to major lending currencies, such as the dollar and the Deutsche mark, prompting speculation of a possible revaluation of the krona early next year.

— MICHAEL METCALFE

**Finland Sustains Steady Growth**

HELSINKI — Finland, Europe's fifth-largest country but with a population of only 4.8 million, has turned in a creditable record of financial and industrial achievement at a time of international recession.

"Finland has been able to sustain quite a strong growth, even through 1982, despite the fact that the OECD countries had a negative growth," said Pertti Sorsa, head of the Finance Ministry's Economic Department.

After high growth in 1979 and 1980, the Finnish economy slowed. But economic activity had begun to pick up again as early as the latter half of last year. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development estimated that Finland's gross domestic product rose 1.3 percent in 1982.

The weakness of the country's export markets was to some extent counteracted by a growth in domestic demand, resulting from a relatively expansive monetary and fiscal policy since 1981. "I think Finland has been the only country in Western Europe to have had room to maneuver in fiscal policies, because the state debt is still quite low," said Mr. Sorsa.

In order to maintain the international competitiveness of Finnish industry, the markka was devalued in two stages by a total of 9.6 percent against a basket of currencies last October. The realignment, brought on in part by Sweden's 16-percent currency devaluation, halted the deceleration of inflation. In April 1983, consumer prices were rising at a year-on-year rate of 8.1 percent, which is close to the European average. Monetary policy has been gradually tightened during 1983 in order to curb inflationary pressures, said Finland's central bank governor, Rolf Kullberg.

Reflecting OECD market weakness, a turnaround in imports and increased foreign debt servicing, Finland's current account deficit rose to 2 percent of GDP last year, or about 4.5 billion markka, and is expected to be about 2.5 percent this year. One of the main priorities of the Social Democratic-led coalition government of Kalevi Sorsa will be to curb the widening deficit. "It has started to worry us somewhat," said Pertti Sorsa, who is the prime minister's brother.

Next year's budget, details of which were being worked on by the coalition partners this month, September will reflect moves to control inflation and the current account shortfall, including a general tightening up in fiscal policies, government expenditure growth and indirect taxation.

The government efforts to bolster domestic demand have weakened state finances, but by international standards public debt is still modest. Gross government debt at the end of 1982 was close to 13 percent of GDP. The net financing requirement of the central government has hovered around 2 percent of GDP during recent years.

Last year the state's gross borrowing amounted to \$1.5 billion, of which slightly more than half was taken up abroad. The OECD reported: "A moderately stimulative stance of fiscal policy, together with the operation of automatic stabilizers, has resulted in the general government sector becoming a net borrower in 1982, for the first time in the post-war period."

This year's borrowing requirement has increased slightly, partly because of the economic policies in force, and amounts to about \$1.9 billion, of which slightly less than half will be raised on international markets. The government expects the state's borrowing requirement to remain at this level next year.

Slow growth in the industrial sectors brought with it a deterioration in employment, though growth in services compensated to some extent for job losses in manufacturing and construction. The unemployment rate was about 6 percent in 1982 and is expected to be about the same this year.

The government predicts that the current modest recovery will continue throughout 1984, aided by buoyant, though slowing, public expenditure growth. Growth in private consumption is expected to slow this year as the rate of disposable income growth decelerates. Business confidence has shown some signs of gaining strength, as the effects of the devaluation began to bite.

Merchandise exports to OECD member countries are expected to grow relatively fast, with some gain in market shares projected. But total exports will likely suffer from reduced Soviet demand owing to the decline in oil prices and the large Finnish surplus on the [Soviet-Finnish] bilateral clearing account.

The main agreements concluded with workers this year are expected to raise wages by about 5.5 percent. Taking account of wage drift and carryover from earlier agreements, average wages may rise 9 to 10 percent this year and next. One foreseeable problem for the government, once it puts its tighter fiscal and monetary policy into effect, will be higher wage claims by trade unions seeking to benefit from the improved corporate profits resulting from the devaluation.

— MICHAEL METCALFE

**Record Prices and Turnover Boost Stock Market Investment**

STOCKHOLM — Stock markets of the Nordic countries, until recently confined to the backwaters of international capital, have in the last three years joined the ranks of the world's leading exchanges. The Nordic countries are experiencing an unprecedented surge in investor activity, with turnover and prices at record levels.

The pace of trading shows few signs of relenting. The Stockholm stock exchange, where growth has been the strongest, has seen share values grow by 37 percent in the first seven months of 1983, surpassing the 35 percent for all of 1982.

Bengt Grönqvist, the president of the exchange, said that if turnover continued at this speed one could expect a turnover of 90 billion kronor this year, rivaling — and perhaps outpacing — that of the Amsterdam, Hong Kong and Paris exchanges.

According to analysts, developments on the Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen markets in the early part of this year have put these at the top of the world's exchange price increases.

The total share index of the Oslo exchange rose by 55 percent in the first five months, while the comparative increase was 48 percent in Stockholm and 45 percent in Copenhagen.

The factors behind the surge are numerous and often different in each case.

Lars Bredin, vice president of the Stockholm exchange, attributed the exchange's boom to the introduction in 1978 of tax-sheltered mutual funds.

The so-called share-saving funds attracted the general public because they carried a 30-percent tax rebate for investors, now reduced to 20 percent by the Palme government.

Mr. Bredin said that these funds were expected to put about 200 million kronor of fresh capital into the exchange each month.

Another factor in the Stockholm success story is the sharp increase in interest from abroad.

Large private and institutional investors in the United States, Britain and Switzerland have injected the equivalent of 5 billion kronor into the market so far this year, compared with 3.8 billion kronor for the whole of 1982. "Foreign gross-scale engagement is on a level with share-saving funds; this is of large psychological importance to the bourse and influences even Swedish buying interest," said Björn Karlén of the Swedish Shareholders' Association.

Foreign investor interest was spurred by the government's 16-percent krona devaluation last October, which is boosting corporate profitability and helping to make Swedish company shares more attractive than their counterparts on the London or New York markets.

The improved economic outlook and profitability have encouraged more than 20 new Swedish firms to

seek share listings this year as well as generating more than 3.5 billion kronor in new share issues. "The bourse has finally begun to function as a source for risk capital," said Erik Asbrink, an undersecretary at the Finance Ministry.

Moreover, an increasing number of Swedish corporations have taken advantage of a steady liberalization in restrictions on the sale and issue of shares to foreigners to boost cross-border capital formation. In the second quarter of this year alone, five Swedish corporations — including such brand names as Volvo and Ericsson — raised the equivalent of 2.8 billion kronor in rights issues in London and New York. All sought and obtained permission to sell specified number of shares abroad without recourse to the "switch" requirement that the equal amount of Swedish shares be brought back into Sweden.

Brokers in Stockholm expect that the trend of Swedish multinationals going abroad to raise funds to expand their overseas operations would continue, with a new wave of Swedish corporate share issues on foreign markets predicted for this autumn. The run could turn into a stampede, several analysts said, if government plans to introduce the so-called "wage-earner funds" — collectively controlled regional funds to buy into industry — become a reality in 1984.

Other analysts were more pragmatic, noting that investors had already discounted the plan and equating the funds with the share-saving vanity. They also said that

other institutional investors were buying shares on an ordered and steady basis. "The coming months will be particularly important for the Stockholm stock exchange," said Göran Pierie, an investment adviser at the state-owned PK-Banken, Sweden's state-owned bank.

The government is expected to decide whether the tax incentives for share-saving funds will remain in force beyond 1983, whether the number of new firms seeking a listing will continue to swell and whether the existing demand for fresh capital raised through new share issues will prevail, he said.

Of the other Nordic exchanges, Oslo is enjoying a boom year, its activity stimulated by a Conservative-led government, which since taking office in 1981 has introduced its own version of the Swedish share-saving plan, reduced taxation on dividends and lowered interest rates to spur industrial activity. There are plans to introduce a new exchange for small and medium companies of the risk-capital variety, to run concurrently with the old, larger exchange, where 120 companies are listed.

The Copenhagen exchange is beginning to spark more investor interest than in previous years, when it was dwarfed by the bond market, as a greater number of Danish firms seek share listings and the improved economic climate and the stable Danish krona increase corporate profitability.

Egon Jensen, head of Copenhagen Handelsbanken's foreign investment division, sees future liberalization of existing restrictions on the individual Dane's access to foreign equity markets and on foreign companies going to the Copenhagen market to issue equity capital as a major factor in promoting the market. "These restrictions are still in force but we have some reason to believe that the central bank is going to liberalize these areas," he said.

The Helsinki exchange, while much smaller than its Nordic counterparts, has also experienced something of a mini-boom, spurred by last October's devaluation of the markka and signs of an improvement in export competitiveness. Turnover reached a record 2.7 billion markka last year, while prices surged by more than 40 percent.

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**Optimism on the Danish Economy**

By Christopher Follett

COPENHAGEN — Danes may not exactly be shouting about it, but at last there is a feeling of optimism about the prospects for Denmark's economy.

Although some of this hope can be attributed to international economic conditions, the austerity policies of the year-old center-right coalition of Prime Minister Poul Schlüter have undoubtedly contributed to a dramatic improvement in the economic outlook.

Faced with a net foreign debt of 125 billion kroner, a public sector running a deficit the equivalent of more than 9 percent of the gross national product, growing shortfalls in the budget and balance of payments, rising interest rates and sagging industrial investment, Mr. Schlüter's government last autumn imposed stringent economic measures.

The package included an immediate wage freeze and the suspension of automatic index-linked pay increases, which had been sacrosanct, as well as cuts of 18 billion kroner in public expenditure, social welfare, and unemployment and sickness benefits. Moreover, measures were designed to increase Danish productivity and export competitiveness and bolster a flagging economy.

The move was effective, producing three cuts in the discount rate over a six-month period, from a high of 11 percent to 7.5 percent, the lowest since 1975.

The corresponding cuts in the commercial lending rates helped to stabilize the krona — the only Scandinavian currency not to be devalued last autumn — and to realign it last spring within the European Monetary System, of which Denmark is the sole Nordic member.

Bond prices and the share market made a brisk recovery, and the trade-weighted value of the krona has risen appreciably since 1982. Moreover, hopes for an economic revival were raised earlier this year by a two-year wage agreement among trade unions in the public and private sectors granting an annual increase of 4 percent, the limit set by the government.

The proposed 1984 deficit represents 10.9 percent of the GNP.

Although it contains no tax increases, the budget calls for continued income restraint and a reduction of 10 billion kroner in public expenditure, notably in the social-welfare and public-health sectors, the aim being to balance the budget within five years.

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## Iceland Is Hurt by Drop in Fish Catch

By Björn Matthiasson

REYKJAVIK — For many years the Icelandic economy was unlike any other in Europe. Since the end of World War II, there has always been full employment, income and output have been higher than elsewhere in Western Europe, and inflation has been very high.

Yet, living standards in this nation of 235,000 people have been on a par with some of the richest countries in Europe, despite the difficulties of oil price increases. From 1976 to 1981, real gross national product growth averaged 3.9 percent a year; the current account was in good shape and unemployment never rose above 1 percent. Inflation, however, remained at about 50 to 60 percent.

Recession has continued over the last two years, mostly because of a downswing in the fish catch, the mainstay of the economy, constituting about 75 percent of exports. The total catch declined from 1.4 million tons in 1981 to 800,000 tons in 1982, mostly because of a ban on capelin fishing for conservation reasons. Capelin is a herring-size fish of the salmon family that has been caught in great quantities in recent years for reduction into oil and meal, but catches have exceeded the reproductive capacity of the stock. A ban to further fishing had to be called in 1982, after a catch of 600,000 tons in 1981. The ban is expected to be eased soon.

The catch of whiting — cod, haddock and similar species — is all the more important, since it is far more valuable than capelin.

In. After the extension of Iceland's fishing limits to 200 miles in 1975, this part of the catch increased rapidly, peaking at 715,000 tons in 1981. In 1982, it fell to 689,000 tons, and in the first half of 1983 it fell by a further 11 percent from the first half of the previous year.

This downturn has had a profound impact upon exports and national income. In 1982, the downturn was aggravated by a slump in the markets for the nation's major industrial exports, aluminum and ferrosilicon, although this year they have improved substantially.

Exports are expected to increase by about 18 percent in 1983, but that will not compensate for the 20-percent drop in 1982. The balance of payments, which showed a deficit of \$240 million in 1982, equivalent to 10 percent of the gross national product, is expected to drop to about 2 to 3 percent of GNP in 1983, partly because of improved exports and severe austerity measures taken by the government.

Parliamentary elections last spring resulted in the resignation of the leftist government of the People's Alliance, the Progressives and a splinter group from the Independence Party. It was succeeded by a government of the Progressives and the recently-independent Independence Party, this time with a decisive conservative undercurrent. The government came into office at a time when the inflation rate had reached 80 percent.

Immediately upon coming to office, the

government took more drastic measures to combat inflation than have been taken for decades in this country, where inflation has been tolerated with remarkable ease. This sudden spurt in the inflation rate was in part fueled by the practice of compensating all wages for price increases every three months, thus creating a vicious wage-price spiral. The government had no other choice than to sever the wage-price linkage, with the result that the inflation rate is already declining dramatically and is expected to reach 20 to 30 percent at the end of this year.

This has meant, however, that prices are rising while wage increases are regulated by law and kept very limited. Real wages are, therefore, declining considerably, but this decline has been accepted with surprising equanimity by the labor unions, even if they are technically prevented from free collective bargaining. Altogether, it is forecast that real disposable personal incomes will fall by 14 percent between 1982 and 1983.

The decline in real wages will help reduce private consumption, which was necessary to bring national expenditure closer into balance with output. Official forecasts indicate that real GNP may drop by as much as 6 percent in 1983, after a 2-percent decline in 1982. The government's austerity measures — as well as the economic contraction itself — are expected to lead to a drop of about 11.5 percent in national expenditure in real terms, far larger than the drop in production.

The difference will be reflected in an improved balance of payments and a reduced need for foreign capital inflows.

Official forecasts for 1984 have not yet been published, but the general outlook is that the economy may slowly come out of recession in that year. Much will depend on whether the fish catch improves and on what happens to the country's main industrial products in international markets. The outlook is promising, since fish catches could improve. Moreover, world market prices for fish products and industrial products have risen in recent months and could continue to do so with the improved world economic climate.

The new government has also adopted a policy of inviting foreign investment into the country that would make use of its vast geothermal and hydro-energy resources.

It has taken the first step to settle the previous government's long-standing dispute with Ahusiuse, the sole owner of an 80,000-ton-a-year smelter in Iceland.

The dispute was over a new power price, and it was agreed as a first step to increase the price of electricity to the plant from 6.5 mills to 10 mills (1 mill is the equivalent of 1 U.S. cent) a kilowatt-hour.

This step paves the way for further investments in the aluminum industry and signals the government's intent to bring greater emphasis to power-intensive manufacturing in the future.



A guard at the Royal Palace in Stockholm.

## Foreign Exchange Markets: A Preference for Fixed Rates

STOCKHOLM — In the 12 months since Sweden's Social Democratic government devalued the krona by 16 percent and, in the process, dealt a severe blow to Nordic currency cooperation, an aura of stability has returned to foreign-exchange policy in the region. But the turbulence of last summer, during which three of the five Nordic countries had to resort to devaluation to revive their respective economies, has left lingering doubts about foreign-exchange management in the area.

The Nordic countries have a preference for fixed exchange rates, arguing that their small open economies with larger foreign trade relative to the size of their industrial base are more susceptible to the sharper fluctuations of floating exchange rates. Since the late 1970s, Finland, Norway and Sweden have adopted trade-weighted currency baskets as a tool to determine the external values of their units. The system, though subject to criticism at times, has on the whole been regarded as useful to small coun-

tries with large foreign trade volumes. The baskets have combined the merits of a relatively stable currency index with the advantages of a degree of flexibility in regular small adjustments to the trade weightings of the composite foreign currencies represented in each of the baskets.

Denmark, as the only Nordic member of the EC, has preferred to align its currency within the intricacies of the European Monetary System, benefiting — but also suffering — from the strength of the Deutsche mark. After the breakdown of the Bretton Woods fixed exchange-rate system, Norway and Sweden joined the European "snake," a forerunner of the EMS, but eventually left and resorted to the basket system in 1977 and 1978.

Last year's spate of devaluations, which could be diagnosed as a symptom of the deep-rooted malaise of inflation within the Nordic countries, is seen by many Nordic bankers and officials as the culmination — and perhaps the end — of the era of using currency devaluations as a policy tool. "We are through with devaluing," Swedish Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt has been quoted as saying, suggesting that henceforth Sweden should aim for revaluations to fend off high, imported inflation rates. In Helsinki, Finnish government officials said that administrations were hesitant about realignment, preferring more flexible domestic interest rates to stem economic activity and monetary developments.

In Copenhagen, Jan Raffel, assistant general manager and foreign-exchange expert of Copenhagen Handelsbank, said: "The long era of devaluation policy, as pursued by successive Danish governments, has clearly come to an end." Since coming to power a year ago, the four-party center-right coalition of Denmark's Poul Schlüter has firmly repudiated devaluation, preferring to defend its currency in times of crisis through the use of the central bank's foreign-exchange reserves. The result has been a more stable Danish krone than in previous years, which has

helped to improve the competitiveness of Denmark's exporting industries and to build solid foundations for economic recovery.

In the case of Sweden, successive governments used devaluation as a tool to beef up industry's exporting power, resulting in an effective depreciation of the krona of 45 percent since 1977. If that policy is now at an end, as Mr. Feldt suggested, what are the alternatives?

Does it finally mean joining the EMS to peg the krona more closely to a strong Deutsche mark?

The attempt to stabilize the krona by joining the "snake," which essentially meant pegging it to the mark, was not successful. Instead, the basket was created. The dollar was given a double weighting on the assumption it would continue to weaken. In 1980, the dollar began to strengthen again, Sweden was unable to keep up, and in slightly more than a year it devalued by 24 percent against its basket.

The appreciation of the dollar was not the only reason for the

devaluations; it merely exacerbated Sweden's difficulty in maintaining competitiveness in relation to its major trading partners in Western Europe. The same argument applies in Norway's case, where the strengthening dollar forced the Norwegian krone up to levels where exporters could not compete with cheaper prices from elsewhere. In August, the central bank reduced the weighting of the dollar in the basket from 25 percent to 11 percent and effectively devalued the krone in two steps by a total of about 6.5 percent.

There is a growing feeling among bankers that both Norway and Sweden should enter the EMS or, at least, be associated with the system in some form or another. Commercial bankers in the Nordic capitals said that such a membership or association would import greater stability into the two countries' respective economies, help to curb inflation and impose a greater discipline in economic and monetary management.

But several quarters reject these arguments. In Stockholm, the new governor of the central bank, Bengt Dennis, said: "We greatly appreciate the European Monetary System; it gives stability to the mar-

kets. We are not in a position ourselves to join and the prime minister said in Brussels this spring that we have to put our own house in order before we can contemplate joining or discussing any closer cooperation with the system." Sweden has to impose its own discipline, which will entail pursuing a restrictive monetary policy in order to curb an outbreak in inflation sparked by the rise in the costs of imports following the devaluation.

The Finnish authorities enjoy the most complex and sophisticated basket system of the three Nordic expatriates. The Fins were the first to use the concept, first on an informal basis in 1972, then officially in 1977. The weightings are adjusted on a quarterly basis when the latest trade figures are in, whereas in Sweden's case, the authorities adjust once a year. Finland, too, resorted to a marked devaluation totaling 9.6 percent last October.

A special characteristic of the Finnish basket is the importance attached to the Soviet ruble in the trade-weighted index, where it occupies a weighting of 24.3, compared with the dollar's 8.8 and the Deutsche mark's 13.3. The ruble's importance lies in the bilateral trade agreements between Finland

and the Soviet Union, and permits some leeway by the authorities in balancing trade and, indirectly, currency fluctuations, in its relations with Western and Eastern European trading partners.

The governor of the Finnish central bank, Rolf Kullberg, is entirely satisfied with the existing basket arrangement and sees no reason to change its overall composition, a view shared by Mr. Dennis in the case of Sweden's basket. "The conclusion is in the central bank that we are happy in the way the basket is composed," Mr. Dennis said. The governor of the Danish cen-

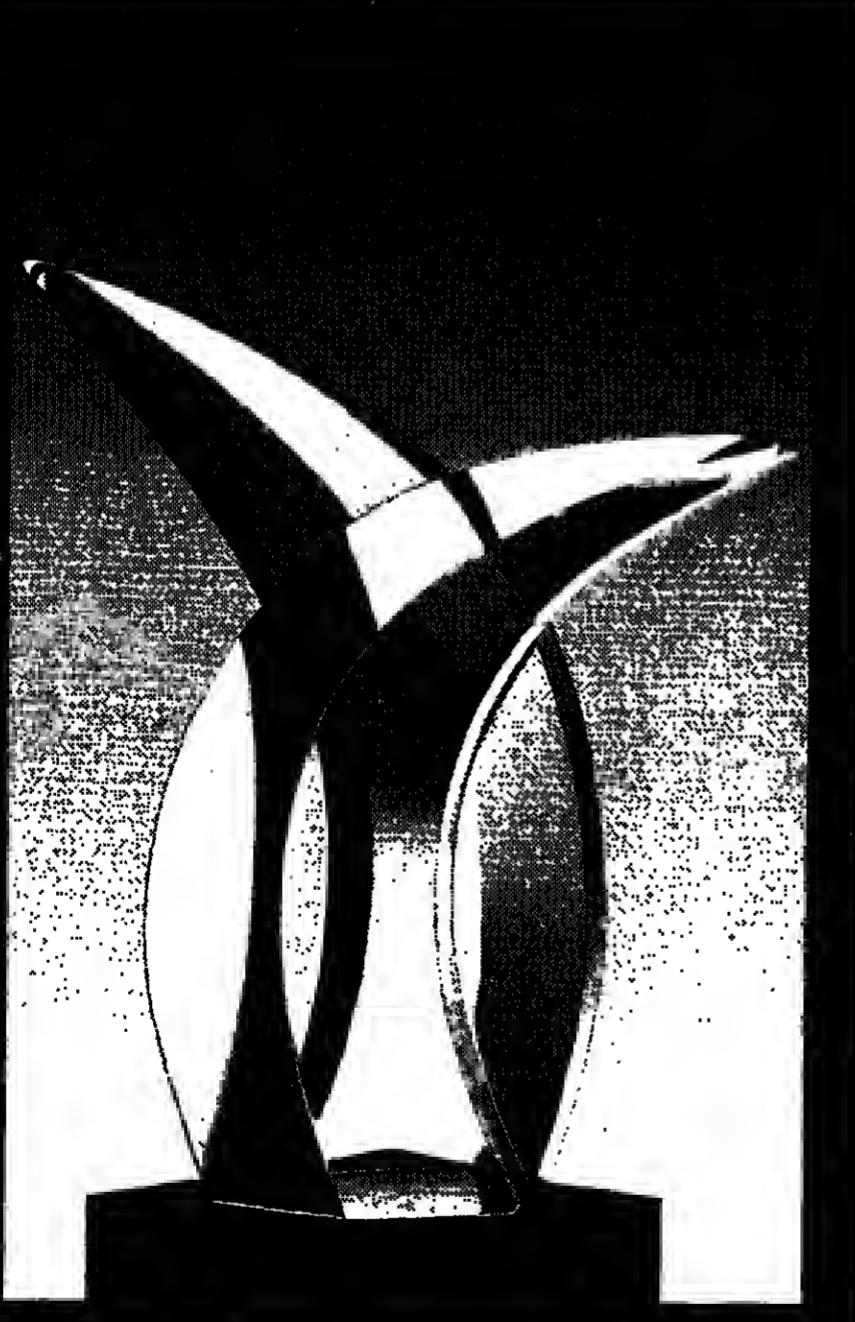
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by SDS' foreign department has tripled since the department's inception in 1977, with the group handling more than 6 percent of all commercial transactions between Denmark and foreign countries last year. (Until 1977, its foreign business had been channeled through a correspondent bank, Facilebanen, of which SDS is a major shareholder.)

This liberalization has been particularly advantageous to Denmark's biggest group of savings banks, the Sammenslutte Danske Sparekasser, known as the SDS, formed in 1973 and consisting of three groups of local savings banks covering Copenhagen and the island of Zealand; the islands of Falster and East Lolland in the south; and the middle and south of Jutland in the west — areas in which 75 percent of private business is located.

As a result of the reform, SDS was able to gain access to new markets in such fields as cash credit and risk capital. Today, the business sector accounts for almost half of SDS' loan portfolios, the group being particularly predominant in the farming and building areas. In addition, it has a 20-percent share of the private-household market in checking accounts. (In Denmark, all banks accept, without charge, personal checks issued by other banks up to a guaranteed 500 kroner, which probably accounts for the comparatively slow growth of credit cards in the country.)

The SDS group has an elected 189-member board of representatives and a 10-member board of directors. Its profits — after allowances for growth in capital — go to charity (15 million kroner in 1982) and to shareholders.

Bolstered by falling domestic interest rates, the group's result for 1982 showed a net profit of 268 million kroner, against 72 million kroner in 1981, its balance appreciating by 10 percent to 33 billion kroner. SDS is the biggest savings bank in Scandinavia and, if guarantee liabilities are disregarded, it ranks overall as the third-largest bank in Denmark, behind the leading commercial banks, Handelsbanken and Den Danske Bank. Its nearest competitor, Birkbanken, is two-thirds its size and has only just started foreign operations. Two other groupings, in south and north Jutland, are even smaller.

Statistics show that the entrance of the savings banks to the conventional banking scene, while affording the savings banks significant increase and profit, has not dislodged the commercial banks from their previous position of dominance. The savings banks' share of the domestic loan market has remained unchanged at 50 percent of that of the commercial banks since 1975, as has their share of the domestic checking-accounts market.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## British Government Stands to Gain \$565.5 Million on Sale of BP Shares

LONDON (AP) — The sale of 130 million government-owned shares in British Petroleum will bring the government \$565.5 million (\$849 million), the Bank of England announced Monday.

The shares, offered for sale by tender with a \$4.05 minimum price, will go to \$4.35 each, a "striking price" 5 pence higher than forecasts by investors Friday, when the offering sold out in 60 seconds. Investors said the high price was a sign of confidence in BP.

The Bank of England said 75,710 applications at or above the striking price were received for 171,452,750 shares.

The sale, announced in July, was part of a series of measures by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to make up for overspending. The government stake in BP has fallen from more than 50 percent to less than 33 percent in four years.

## Kuwait Warns OPEC to Heed Quotas

KUWAIT (AP) — Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, Kuwait's oil minister, warned OPEC states Monday against exploiting the relative stability of the world oil market by increasing output and said OPEC's production ceiling should not be raised "at least until the end of the last quarter of this year."

"Any increase in production will spur consumer states to stockpiling," Sheikh Ali told the newspaper al-Qabas. "In turn, world would lead to a 'race of the oil giant.' He said he did not foresee any of the 13 OPEC states of overproducing, and he denied that there was any trend within OPEC to raise production levels of oil."

Low demand forced the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to fix production quotas last March for its member states totaling 17.5 million barrels a day. At the same time, OPEC cut its reference price \$5 to \$29 a barrel.

## Turkey Orders Small Bank Takeover

ISTANBUL (Reuters) — The Finance Ministry has ordered the takeover of a small bank, Isci Kredi Bankasi, officials of the bank said Monday. They said the ministry ordered one of the country's largest banks, Turkiye Is Bankasi, to take over and guarantee the deposit of Isci as an interim measure.

A law that went into effect July 1 empowers the Finance Ministry to bring troubled banks under ministry control or to order a takeover by another bank.

Turkiye Is Bankasi, which is 80 percent state-owned, will prepare a report for the ministry within two weeks on the future of Isci Kredi, whose board has been dissolved, the officials said.

## U.S. Steel Not Hopeful on U.K. Deal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Thomas C. Graham, vice chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., said Monday that chances were "less than 50-50" for an agreement with British Steel for a joint operating project at U.S. Steel's Fairless Works near Philadelphia.

Mr. Graham, in general, prepared for a group of New York financial experts, said negotiations were nevertheless continuing with British Steel on a plan to import semi-finished slab steel from Scotland for finishing at Fairless.

The United Steelworkers of America union strongly opposes the plan. Mr. Graham said U.S. Steel would work with a union task force looking into alternatives for the Fairless Works plant.

## Brock Urges Action on Protectionism

MEECH LAKE, Quebec (AP) — Specific action is required to control the growth of protectionist measures, U.S. Trade Representative William E. Brock said Monday. But he did not spell out what of action he might propose during a two-day meeting with Canadian, Japanese and European officials at Meech Lake, a government retreat north of Ottawa.

Mr. Brock said the objective of the informal meeting of trade ministers was to begin moving into action the commitment to liberalize world trade that was made in June by leaders of the seven major industrialized nations in Williamsburg, Virginia.

He said, however, that he did not expect anything concrete to result from his talks with Gerald Regan of Canada, Willem Haferkamp of the European Community and Sosuke Uno of Japan.

## Kohlberg Kravis Raises Bid for HMW

STAMFORD, Connecticut (Reuters) — HMW Industries Inc. and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. said Monday that the merger terms between HMW and companies controlled by Kohlberg Kravis had been amended. Under the new accord, Kohlberg Kravis would pay \$44 for each HMW share, up from the \$40 agreed previously. HMW said its board unanimously approved the amendment, giving the transaction a value of more than \$70 million.

Kohlberg Kravis also has agreed to surrender options to purchase up to 1.3 million HMW treasury shares at \$40 apiece, the companies said. HMW has about 1.6 million common shares outstanding.

Clair Corp. has proposed a two-step merger with HMW, the first step of which calls for it to purchase one million HMW common shares at \$43 a share. Earlier this month Clair sued in federal court to void the options granted to Kohlberg Kravis by HMW. HMW has resisted the Clair bid.

## ACF Says Talks With Icahn Faltering

NEW YORK (AP) — ACF Industries Inc. said Monday that it had been unable to reach agreement concerning the company's possible acquisition by a New York investment group headed by Carl Icahn. ACF, a leading builder and lessor of rail freight cars, also said that "several people" had indicated interest in proposing a leveraged buyout of ACF and the company was discussing a transaction that would be acceptable to a nonmanagement, independent committee of the ACF board.

## U.K. Trade Gap Slammed in Month

LONDON — Britain had a trade deficit of £138 million (\$207 million) in August after a £250-million deficit in July, the Department of Trade and Industry said Monday.

The current account, which includes trade in merchandise and non-merchandise items, had a £22 million surplus in August in contrast to July's £190 million deficit. The July deficit was revised from £100 million.

Exports rose to £4.93 billion in August from £4.73 billion in July while imports fell to £5.06 billion from £5.08 billion, the department said.

## Denmark's Trade Deficit

COPENHAGEN — Denmark's trade deficit narrowed to 400 million kroner (\$42 million) in August from 1.14 billion kroner a year earlier, the Danish Bureau of Statistics said Monday. July's trade deficit was 1.24 billion kroner.

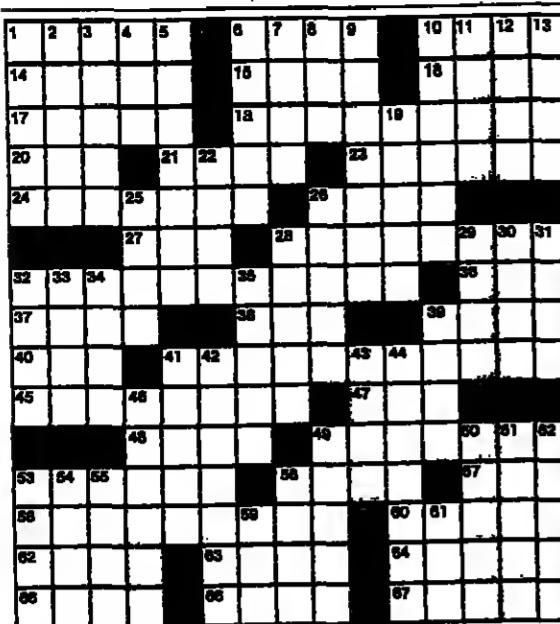
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- 3 Sandburg
- 4 Circus figure
- 5 Kind of shirt
- 6 Curved molding
- 7 Barter
- 8 Poet (one of four "immortals" buried)
- 9 "dien"
- 10 Prince of Wales
- 11 Ali, once
- 12 Mexican revolutionary
- 13 Establish
- 14 Forefather
- 15 Time of day, in poesy
- 16 Cheapest ship passage, once
- 17 Sea urchin
- 18 Kind of wit
- 19 Wind instrument
- 20 Indian in Native's day
- 21 Gunbo
- 22 Vegetable
- 23 Actor from Tulsa
- 24 Spring and fall garments
- 25 Brother of a sis
- 26 Open-neck fabric
- 27 Warren Beatty
- 28 Friends of comics
- 29 Dispatches
- 30 Canadian singer Paul
- 31 Standard
- 32 Alaskan native
- 33 Court security
- 34 Pa, lakeside city
- 35 Peg
- 36 Washington's ancestor
- 37 Writer
- 38 Gardner
- 39 Ssigs., e.g.
- 40 Small viper
- 41 Name, e.g.
- 42 Colliers
- 43 Memo abbr.
- 44 River into Lake Ontario
- 45 Chewing-gum base
- 46 "Oliver Twist" villain
- 47 Narrow opening
- 48 Aircraft
- 49 Lowest high tide
- 50 Memorable stage couple
- 51 Scent
- 52 Narrow opening
- 53 Trip Crown winner: 1935
- 54 Composer
- 55 Put up
- 56 Clip
- 57 Stakes
- 58 Make it down
- 59 Name or grill
- 60 Barometer
- 61 Water in Madrid
- 62 Let
- 63 Mother of Helen of Troy
- 64 Reduces hit by bit
- 65 Was in front

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"MARGARET'S JUST NOT MY CUP O' ROOT BEER, THAT'S ALL."

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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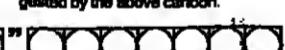
**SUNDOL**

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MUSIC THAT MIGHT ACCOMPANY A TURKEY DINNER.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the ordinary words as suggested by the above cartoon.

**ANSWER: A** 

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: **BASIN DUSKY LARYNX PONDER**

Answer: What the gardener said when the flowers wouldn't grow—"UPSY-DAISY!"

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## EUROPE

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theistic, Russian design, and Army engaged in the looting of German towns, and after all these, he was found guilty of "socialism" and sent to prison. His punishment included the same kind of collectivization in the village that flourished in the wake of the "doctors" case — these were all incidents necessary for bringing the world.

At the same time, though Kopelev's political necessity and moral sense of this volume is devoted to the cause of Marxist orthodoxy and democratic beliefs. It is a process, however, housed in a former church, "Euse My Sorrows."

There, Kopelev meets his old teacher — among the many portraits in this book is one of his author as a young skeptic.

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